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**The Late Mr. J. E. Casely Hayford.**

The funeral of Mr. J. E. Casely Hayford, which took place on August 12, was one of the most impressive ever seen in Accra. The hearse, bearing the body in a coffin of brass, was shaded by State umbrellas, and was accorded an escort of police and volleys from the various companies. In front walked the officiating ministers and the combined choirs of the Christian Churches, while among those who followed were members of the Legislative Council, Gold Coast Bar Association, National Congress, Freemasons, teachers and school-children and representatives of the companies. After a service at the Wesleyan Chapel, the procession passed amid the smoke and noise of gunfire to the Wesleyan Cemetery, where the Acting Governor, Mr. G. C. du Boulay, and many high officials had gathered to pay their last respects to one among many distinguished sons the Gold Coast has produced.



## Mrs. Fannie Blevins, Head of Tuggle Institute, Buried

BIRMINGHAM, April 11.—Thousands of persons stood in a downpour of rain here on April 2 to view the funeral cortege of Mrs. Fannie Cosby Blevins, one of the South's outstanding women, who died March 28 at Mayo clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Mrs. Blevins was president of Tuggle Institute, grand worthy counselor of the Alabama Court of Calanthe and a prominent member of the Daughters Elks and Eastern Star.

The funeral cortege led by the Tuggle Institute band, journeyed from Mrs. Blevins' home on the school campus, where the body had laid in state, to the Sixth Ave. Baptist church, South. The church was filled to capacity for the service. W. B. Driver served as master of ceremonies. Rev. John W. Goodgame, pastor, gave the funeral oration. Interment was made at Mason City.

Mrs. Blevins was stricken several months ago at Hot Springs. On the assistance of her son, Dr. Marian

Cosby, and her brother, Charles Allen Cosby, of Pittsburgh, the ill woman went to Minneapolis for treatment. After two weeks at the Mayo clinic Mrs. Blevins decided to return home. She passed away there two days before her departure, with her nurse, Mrs. Lucy M. Green.

## Charles W. Hare Dies In Hospital

Charles Woodroff Hare, 72, prominent Tuskegee lawyer and editor, died at Memorial Hospital Sunday at 2:15 a.m. Funeral will be from the Tuskegee Baptist Church today at 11 a.m.

Dr. P. V. Bonar officiating.

Mr. Hare was born in Wilcox but had been a resident of Tuskegee the last 35 years. He was editor and owner of The Tuskegee News for years and at one time was editor of Alabama Baptist. Mr. Hare was president of the Tuskegee Civic Club, trustee of the Tuskegee Normal School, a Mason and a member of the Order of Pythias. He had served as a member of the State Democratic Committee, and at the death was a candidate for re-election.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lillian Jordan Hare; three sons, C. E. Hare, of Jackson, Miss.; R. S. Hare, of Phoenix, Ariz.; and W. C. Hare, of Tuskegee; and two daughters, Mrs. W. L. King, of Lakeland, Fla., and Mrs. C. P. Deming, of Everett.

## Mrs. Mary Whitlow Dies at Tuskegee

TUSKEGEE, May 23.—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Whitlow, wife of James Whitlow, were held at Pilgrim Baptist church. A large group of friends from all over the state. The Whitlows have a farm of 200 acres and were rated by the Montgomery Advertiser and Columbus Inquirer (white) as our wealthiest citizens in

eastern Alabama.

Eleven children survive. As follows: John B. Whitlow, Cleveland, Ohio; Ralph, William, Jimmie and Noon Whitlow; Nancy Moore, Tuskegee; Warren, Hal and Cicero Whitlow; Mary Young and Carrie Reed, Detroit, Mich. Dr. Moton, president of Tuskegee Institute, being ill, Dr. William H. Carter, treasurer, officiated at the funeral. Letters of condolence were received from many sections.

## ALABAMA EDUCATOR IS DEAD

Courier

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 21—(A. N. P.)—Dave Parker, who devoted many years of his life to the teaching of Negro youth in the Overton Mines district, died here at the Hillman Hospital Thursday night and funeral services were held for him Sunday morning. Parker was a native of South Carolina and was educated at Shaw University. Coming to Alabama in the early 90's, he entered upon a life of

teaching and preaching, later abandoning the latter to enter into politics. Strange as it might seem, Parker cast his lot with the Democratic party and was welcomed by the leaders of the party, who recognized his ability as an organizer and orator.

Six months ago he was stricken with intestinal trouble and was sent to a hospital, where he died. Commenting upon the life and achievements of the deceased George B. Ward, former mayor of Birmingham, declared:

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## Tuskegee Professor Falls Dead On Street

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., Oct. 18.—Prof. E. C. Roberts, director of the Academic Department at Tuskegee Institute suddenly dropped dead in the street Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Prof. Roberts came to Tuskegee as a spectator observing the 25th anniversary of the Institute, was later chosen as a teacher and began his duties in 1906. In 1910 the Executive Council elected him director of the Academic Department, which position he has held ever since.

Prof. Roberts was born in Kokomo, Ind., where he attended the public schools, later graduating from Butler College in Indianapolis, Ind.

## Tuskegee Educator Dies—Hi Principal

Was Native Hoosier and Friend of Booker T.

INDIANAPOLIS.—Word was received here Saturday of the death of Ezra C. Roberts, 60, principal of the academic department at Tuskegee. He was a graduate of Butler university and a native of Kokomo, Ind.

Mr. Roberts, who left here twenty four years ago to go to Tuskegee, was a member of a pioneer family in this state. He taught in Indianapolis schools ten years, closing his teaching here at School 28. He was a friend of Booker T. Washington.

Survivors are a widow, also a member of Tuskegee faculty, a daughter, and his father and a sister. The body is expected to be brought back to Kokomo for burial.



## DINING CAR INSPECTOR MAKES HIS LAST TRIP

With the passing of Max Hall at his home in Oakland, Calif., Sunday night, June 22, there came to a close the picturesque career of a man born in the city of San Antonio, Texas, who started life as a bellboy in a hotel, and later joined the commissary department of the Southern Pacific, rising to the position of dining car inspector of the northern division of the Southern Pacific Railway.

The many friends and acquaintances, as well as the men who worked with and under him, knew him as the man with the pleasant smile. Deliberate of movement, deft in action and soft of speech, he was a hard worker, and when he took to his bed several weeks ago the doctors advised a long rest.

At first it was feared by his friends that his illness was fatal, but two months in the hospital seemed to revive hopes. The end came suddenly Sunday night. He will be buried in Oakland and is survived by his faithful wife.

—We are pained to record here the passing of Mrs. Hilda M. Nasmyth, whose sad death occurred recently in Pasadena, Calif., where she had retired after more than thirty years in educational work among our people at Little Rock, Ark. A suitable appreciation of her life and work will appear in a subsequent issue of this journal.



# EDWINA B. KRUSE, EDUCATOR, DIES IN WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON, Del., July 2—  
ANP—Wilmingtonians, black and  
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## Prominent Educator Is Dead

WILMINGTON, Del., July 3—  
(A.N.P.)—Wilmingtonians, black and  
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state.



Neval H. Thomas, 56 years old, faculty member of Dunbar High School, president of the District branch of the Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a director of the national body, died yesterday at the residence of his sister, Mrs. D. A. Williston, 1122 Fairmont street. Serious illness had forced him to abandon classroom duties for more than a year.

Funeral services, with Rev. R. W. Brooks officiating, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Rankin chapel at Howard University. Interment will be in Springfield, Ohio.



# Nation Loses Fighter in Historian's Death

*Defender*

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Prof. Neval H. Thomas, teacher of history for 35 years in the local high schools, died Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. David A. Williston, 1122 Fairmont St. N. W. He had been in declining health for several years. 4-19-30

The educator was a member of the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and president of the Washington branch of the association. His last classes were held at Dunbar high school.

The fiery advocate of equal rights sought to regain his health by a Mediterranean cruise in the fall, and in March visited Hot Springs. He had been confined to his home for the past three weeks. Funeral services were held Tuesday from Andrew Rankin Memorial chapel at Howard University. Rev. R. W. Brooks, pastor of Lincoln Temple Congregational church, officiated. Burial was in Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. Thomas was an authority on American history and particularly upon those sections of it where his race played a part. Hundreds of his

pupils were taught, without the use of textbooks by Prof. Thomas, many historical facts which had been neglected by white historians. His fearlessness in battling for equal rights made him a constant storm center in Washington.

Prof. Thomas was born at Springfield, Ohio, in 1884, where he received his preparatory education. He received his A. B. degree from Howard university in 1901 and his LL.B. degree from the same university in 1904. His career as a teacher in the Washington public school system began in 1902.

He was one of the original 12 persons who founded the Washington branch of the N. A. A. C. P. and was unanimously elected to succeed Hon. Archibald H. Grimke, who completed 12 years as president in 1925. Prof. Thomas in 1925 was elected a member of the board of directors of the national organization.

Many committees of the senate and house of representatives have heard Prof. Thomas speak before them on matters affecting the interests of his people. Throughout his many years of teaching the historian stressed to his pupils the importance of knowing the history of their race and of the injustices of the white people.

He was president of Alcorn College, at one time he was assistant to Booker T. Washington, principal of Tuskegee Institute.

He was instrumental in social work and politics and built up the community of Lincoln, Md. He was a member of the Maryland Interracial Commission and waged a winning fight for equalization of teachers' salaries in Maryland. He fought jim-crow in Maryland and was a representative at the sessions of the Maryland Legislature.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nettie Nolan Calloway, well known in civic and Y. W. C. A. work in the District; two daughters, Miss Caroline Calloway and Mrs. Lucille Washington, all of 1717 T Street Northwest.

Thos. C. Calloway

Dies In Washington

Washington, D. C.—News has been received of the death on Monday morning, May 19, of Thos. C. Calloway, who has been business manager for the Crisis Magazine.

Mr. Calloway died at Garfield Hospital. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Washington of New York and Miss Ca-

roline Calloway of Washington—both teachers. Mr. Calloway was a noted alum of Fisk.

Dr. Edward L. Parks,  
Friend of the Negro

By Bishop Wilbur Thirkield  
In the death of the Rev. V. Edward L. Parks, Washington, D. C., the church loses one of its most efficient educators, a man of singularly elevated spirit, who built over forty years of his life into the education of the Negro. In 1886 he came to Gammon Theological Seminary from the presidency of Simpson College, to join a faculty of two members, being recommended by Mr. Gammon as one who was mentioned to succeed Dr. Minor Raymond in Garrett Biblical Institute. He did much to shape the character of the work at Gammon. An able professor of systematic theology he made a profound impression on the large group of young ministers during his many years of service.

Later he answered the call to Howard University. During the difficult and most exacting period of its reorganization, he was treasurer as well as professor. He did much to place the finances on a basis that led to larger Government recognition and has gradually increased Congressional appropriations from forty thousand dollars in 1906 to one and a quarter millions this year. He was a man of ingrained nobility of character, of inflexible integrity, and most unselfish and devoted in all his relations. It is difficult to measure his singularly strong contribution to those institutions on which he has left an indelible impress. Free from race prejudice, he was a genuine brother to all men. He did not hesitate to suffer for the right or to give his very life for the higher interest of mankind.

Windsor, N. C., Advance  
Friday, July 25, 1930

## PROMINENT NEGRO OF BERTIE DEAD

Washington, D. C., July 25.—Rev. Limas Roulhac, retired colored minister of the gospel and for many years was employed in the United States Marshal's office, Washington, D. C., died July 13, at his late residence, 1123 Forty-eighth Place, Northeast. The funeral was held from the William McKinley Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. S. G. Lamkins, pastor, July 16. It was very largely attended.

A native of Bertie County, N. C., Rev. Roulhac taught school in

the county and in the State for several years and at one time was a member of the North Carolina Legislature.

He was a graduate of the Richmond Theological Seminary and the Howard University Law School.

Body Of Thomas  
Washington, D. C.  
J. Calloway To  
Be Cremated  
Washington, D. C.  
Well Known Washington  
Man Dies Following  
Long Illness

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Thomas J. Calloway, well-known Washington real estate and newspaper man from the Lincoln Temple, the Rev. Robert Brooks, officiating.

Mr. Calloway died Monday at Garfield Hospital after an illness of seven months. Plans have not been completed, but his body will be cremated at Harmony Cemetery.

Mr. Calloway was born in Cleveland, Tenn., and was 64 years old at the time of his death. He is a graduate of Fisk University and the Howard University Law School. He came to Washington during the war and was for a time in the War Department. For two years



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Florida

## INSURANCE HEAD KILLED IN ACCIDENT

*1-18-30*  
*Orlando, Fla.*  
Orlando, Fla.—(Special to The Reporter.)—Mr. J. A. Colyer, 65, president of the Agents National Insurance Company, of Orlando, Fla., was killed in an automobile accident Friday afternoon, January 10, while going across the state between West Palm Beach and Fort Myers, Florida. Mr. Colyer had only recently been elected president of the company, after having served two years as its treasurer, and was making a "good will tour" of the state. He was riding in a heavy sedan car driven by M. T. Alexander, 26, agency director of the company, when a tire blew out, causing the car to overturn. Mr. Colyer was killed instantly when his skull was crushed. Mr. Alexander was able to get out of the wreckage with only slight injuries.

Mr. Colyer was one of the leading citizens of Florida, very prominent in social and business circles, having served once as Grand Master of the Odd Fellows of Florida. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emma J. Colyer, grand worthy counsellor of the Courts of Calanthe of Florida; a son, J. A. Colyer, Jr.; two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Walker and Mrs. Louise Hillard; a stepson, Dr. Ira P. Davis, two sisters and two brothers. Funeral services were held Monday, January 13, at Mt. Olive A. M. E. Church, of which he was a member, Rev. J. A. Murray officiating.

## RICH FLORIDAN KILLED BY AUTO

*1-25-30*  
*Orlando, Fla.*  
ORLANDO, Fla., Jan. 22 (A. N. P.)—Joseph Colyer, ex-Grandmaster of Florida Odd Fellows, President of the Agents Life Insurance Company, and prominent business man, was killed instantly in an auto wreck near LaBelle, Fla., last Friday.

Mr. Colyer was a tailor by trade and was born in Ocala, Fla., seventy years ago. He did business in Palatka for a short while afterward moving to Orlando where he has lived for thirty-five years. He was the proprietor of a chain of music stores at the time of his death and was reputed to be one of the wealthiest men of the race.



# ATTY. F. B. PETTY KILLED, DAUGHTER SERIOUSLY HURT

Was Returning Home From  
Reunion Here With  
His Family

Foster B. Petty, of Savannah, Ga., who spent last week with his family at 1115 Rhode Island avenue, northwest, was instantly killed on Sunday evening while motoring back to Savannah, at Mt. Olive, N.C., not far from Goldsboro. A white man ran into his car, killing Mr. Petty, injuring his daughter, Augusta, who accompanied him on the trip, and demolished the machine.

Mr. Petty and his son and daughter arrived in Washington on Monday, December 23, to unite with the family here and a son from Toledo, in a reunion. They spent an exceptionally happy Christmas together without a thought of the pending tragedy which was in the shadow of their merry making.

Mrs. Petty and four of the children were living here so the children could attend school. A son, Alfred V. Petty, was in his third year at Howard University; Miss Howard, Miss Ester J. Petty is in her second year at Dunbar, and Mrs. Josephine H. Petty, a daughter-in-law, is a teacher in the Stevens School here. A married daughter, Mrs. Fanny Petty Watts, with three children, lives here with her mother. A son, Robert B. Petty, Jr., of Toledo, Ohio, was present at the reunion, but had returned to Toledo Sunday. He passed through here Monday en route to the scene of the accident.

Mr. Petty was a lawyer and real estate dealer in Savannah. He was the attorney for the Masons and the Court of Calanthe there. He was also connected with the Savings Bank there.

The funeral will be held in Savannah. The family left Tuesday night to be present. Mrs. Petty stated that she did not expect to

return to Washington soon. The sudden death of the husband and father had forced a change in the program, and that she would remain in Savannah until the estate was settled.

Savannah, Ga. News  
Monday, January 6, 1930

## UNUSUAL COLORED WOMAN BURIED Betsy Dixon's Life Praised By Both Races

Prof. W. G. Dixon, teacher of science and Latin at the Guyer High School, returned to the city yesterday from Sparta, where he attended the funeral of his mother Friday afternoon. All of her thirteen living children and twenty grandchildren were at her bedside and funeral except Annie B. Dixon, teacher at Georgia State Industrial College, who was unable to attend because of injuries received in a railroad wreck during October.

Brevity and simplicity characterized the last respect paid this unusual colored woman by the large crowd of friends who attended the ceremony or sent expressions of sympathy. Both white and colored people attended the funeral.

Reams Moore of Culverton, Ga., represented the white citizens of Hancock county on the brief program.

Dr. Charles D. Hubert, president of the divinity department of Morehouse College, was the master of ceremonies, and a life-long friend of the family, was equally as generous with words of praise. He represented Morehouse College and Spellman College, where many of the Dixons attended school.

Deacon Floyd Hubert, chairman of the deacon board of Springfield Baptist Church, where Betsy was a member for forty-five years, gave a brief eulogy, as well as the Rev. Alexander Pate.

The obituary was read by Mamie Cooper and a solo was rendered by Eliza Hubert. Telegrams and expressions of sympathy were read by Professor Ingram's wife of Sparta.

The survivors consist of the following: Gordon Dixon, husband; Malvina Plankston, Wilmington, N. C.; Julia Jones and Ida Wilson, Atlanta, Ga.; Esther Smith and Mary Moss, Indianapolis, Ind.; Lillian T. Edwards, Madison, N. J.; Annie B. Dixon, Georgia State College, Savannah; Magnolia Rema Dixon, Spellman College, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. J. H. Dixon, Sparta and Culverton; John T., John B. and Clarence Dixon, Sparta; W. G. Dixon, Savannah.

Betsy was 68 years old and the mother of eighteen children, thirteen of whom are now living and doing well. She had been married to Gordon Dixon fifty-two years. With the skill and wise advice of Betsy Gordon, together with his large family of children he accumulated much property in the heart of Hancock county, consisting of 1,500 acres of fertile land, timber, live stock and dwelling houses. All of the children had the advantages of a high school education, and a few of college and professional training.

## DR. C. G. WILEY DIES IN ATLANTA

Savannahians were again shocked Friday morning when the news was received of the death of Dr. C. G. Wiley in Atlanta, Ga. It is reported that Dr. Wiley had a slight operation on the face about ten days ago which quickly developed into blood poisoning causing his death. It could not be learned before going to press where the interment will take place, but he was born in Beaufort, S. C. and reared in Savannah and it will probably be at one of these places, or Atlanta, where he was pastor of Big Bethel A. M. E. Church. Dr. Wiley was President of Georgia State Industrial College for a number of years and Dean of Theology at Morris Brown University for a short period, after which he entered actively into the ministry and had made the most rapid advancement of any minister in the history of the church. He was prominently mentioned for Episcopal honors and would have no doubt been a formidable candidate at the next General Conference had not the grim monster called him to Paradise.

## LEADING GEORGIA DOCTOR DIES AT AUGUSTA HOSPITAL

Dr. R. C. Williams, Dean  
In His City, Leader  
In Race Activities

Augusta, Ga.—Dr. Robert Craig Williams, dean of the colored physicians in this city, died at 12.30 a. m. on Christmas Day at the Bruce Hospital, where he had been taken for treatment, after a nervous and physical collapse about two or three weeks ago.

Dr. Williams, a native Augustan, was a student at Tuskegee Institute under the late Dr. Booker T. Washington. Graduating from that school he entered upon the study of pharmacy and medicine at Meharry Medical College, Nashville. After completing these courses, he came back to Augusta and began the practice of medicine just about time of the Spanish-American War in 1898. He later operated a drug store in connection with his medical practice. Of the four other Negro physicians at that time, three are dead, Drs. Stoney, Pritchett and Buruss, and the other, Dr. A. N. Gordon, is now in the West.

Of late years he had limited most of his efforts to office work, but even so he had a large and lucrative practice.

During all of his career, Dr. Williams gave of his time and thought to every phase of community and race activity. He was active fraternally, a member of the Knights of Pythias, Masons and Odd Fellows, and had held both local and state offices in these orders. At one time he was grand medical examiner for the G. U. O. O. F. of the State. He was chancellor commander of Fidelity Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., and president of the Progressive Club, a strong and influential civic organization.

As a local member of the Interracial Commission, one of his last activities was the forming of a committee to appear before the Board of Education in interest of the colored schools.

### The Funeral Services.

Shortly after coming to Augusta to practice, Dr. Williams married Miss Emiline Josephine White, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Dr. William J. White, founder and editor of until his death of The Georgia Baptist. He is survived by Mrs. Williams and an adopted daughter, Miss Claudia White Butler, who is also Mrs. Williams' grand niece. Mrs. Claudia White Hareld of Atlanta a sister-in-law

was at the bedside almost constantly from the first seizure.

The funeral service was held Friday, December 27, from Thankful Baptist Church, at 3 p. m., attended by the pastor, Rev. A. G. Davis; Bishop R. S. Williams, and the Revs. D. F. Thompson, A. C. Grigs and William Jennings.

Peter H. Craig, school principal, and the colored physicians were honorary pallbearers; Clinton Mack, W. H. Wilborn, O. M. Blount, L. D. Perry, Earl Pinkerton and H. D. Bonner served actively with members of the Progressive Club forming an honorary escort.

Prof. Isaiah Blocker and wife, Mrs. Mary White Blocker, from Jacksonville, and Mrs. Alice White Poole from Talahassee, Fla., attended the funeral.

Sparta, Ga., Ishmaelite  
Thursday, January 9, 1930

Betsy Dixon, 68, wife of Gordon Dixon, one of the most remarkable negro couples in the South, died at her home near this city January 1st. from a stroke of paralysis.

Betsy and Gordon Dixon married fifty-two years ago and have accumulated one of the largest single bodies of land in the county. They now own fifteen hundred acres in the northern part of the county, all of which is under cultivation except the woodland portions. Both Betsy and Gordon were in slavery and after being freed purchased fifty acres of land. After paying for this they added on more acreage as they made money until their farm reached fifteen hundred acres.

Eighteen children were born to the negro couple and each one of them has been given a high school education and many of them have graduated from negro colleges in the South. Several have gone to northern institutions of learning and made good records. At present the sons and daughters of this couple are leading teachers in the negro colleges over the country.

The progress of these negroes is an example of what they can do in the South if they are thrifty and invest their money in lands. The funeral of this venerable negro woman was held Friday morning at the Springfield Baptist church with numbers of white friends attending. Interment was in the cemetery near the church.



# LAWYER PETTIE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

While Returning Sunday With His Daughter From A Visit To Washington His Car Was Forced Off The Road By A Passing Motorist

According to a telegram received here by Mr. W. S. Scott Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock Lawyer Foster B. Pettie, a prominent local attorney, was killed in an automobile accident at Mount Olive, N. C., a small town about sixteen miles from Goldsboro. Details of the fatal accident are as yet very meagre, but it was learned that Mr. Pettie and his daughter, Miss Augusta Pettie, a teacher in the local public schools, were returning home from a visit to the rest of the family in Washington, D. C., and had come as far as the little North Carolina town when their car was pushed off the road by a passing motorist. Mr. Pettie is said to have been killed instantly and his daughter slightly injured when the machine careened into a deep ravine. He is said to have been driving at the time of the accident.

Mr. Pettie accompanied by his daughter and a son, Mr. Dick Pettie, left here Monday before Christmas to spend the holidays with the other members of the family, the son to remain in Washington to re-enter school.

Mr. Pettie, a man of retiring disposition, was one of the best liked professional men in the city and had a wide circle of friends throughout the state. Because of his unusual frankness and ability, he enjoyed a high degree of confidence by his clients and friends and his death is greatly deplored. Aside from the practice of law he also was in the real estate business, taking over the business of Howard Stiles Real Estate Company, shortly after the death of Mr. Stiles.

In fraternal circles, Mr. Pettie was very well known and served as attorney for the Masons. Order of

Eastern Stars and Courts of Calanthe. He came to Savannah about twenty-five years ago from Atlanta, shortly after graduating from the law department of Howard University. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Fannie Pettie; two sons, Dr. Foster B. Pettie, a practicing physician of Toledo, Ohio, and Mr. Richard Pettie; four daughters, Mrs. F. Watts; Misses Augusta, Gladys and Esther Pettie; and one brother, Mr. Edward Pettie of this city.

The body arrived in the city today and the funeral will be held Saturday from St. Philip A. M. E. Church at 1 o'clock.



## Short Illness Fatal To Rev. Wiley

Former Pres. Ga. State College Succumbs To Infected Face

## BURIED IN VALDOSTA

News of the death of the Rev. Cyrus G. Wiley which occurred in Atlanta early last Friday morning came as a great shock to his many friends here and throughout the state, few of whom knew of his serious illness.

From all accounts it seems that he was taken ill about a week prior to his death, with blood poisoning resulting from a pimple coming out on his face. Everything possible was done to stay the deadly affliction, but all in vain, and death claimed the popular young clergyman early on Friday morning. The funeral services were held Tuesday in Atlanta at Big Bethel A. M. E. Church, to whose pastorate he was assigned last November, the sermon being preached by Bishop W. A. Fountain. Bishop distinguished churchmen and educators also paid the deceased glowing tributes and the services were attended by one of the largest crowds ever seen at a funeral at this church.

The body was carried to Valdosta, where it was interred Wednesday, the eulogistic services preceding the burial being held at St. Paul A. M. E. Church, where the deceased had been a member for 18 years. Among the speakers on this occasion were Bishop W. A. Fountain and Bishop W. D. Johnson, the latter presiding over the Mississippi diocese of the A. M. E. Church; Prof. Frank J. Rogers, representing the Georgia State Industrial College; Rev. A. P. Solomon of Augusta, Rev. J. I. Stringer of Southwest Georgia, Rev. I. G. Glass of the South Georgia Conference, Rev. J. L. Butler of Atlanta, Rev. J. C. Lawrence of Thomasville, Messrs W. L. McKlaze and C. R. Hudson of Valdosta, Prof. Lomax representing the Georgia State Teachers Association, and Rev. B. S. Hannah of St. Philip A. M. E. Church, this city. Rev. W. B. Lawrence, pastor of St. Philip Monumental A. M. E. Church of this city, attended the services in Atlanta. The floral designs were very profuse and elaborate.

The Rev. Wiley was about 49 years of age and one of the best known and best equipped ministers in the A. M. E. Church in this state. He was born in Beaufort, S. C.

When a young man his family moved to Savannah where he attended the public schools, graduating from the West Broad Street school, and then entering the Georgia State Industrial College, where he graduated with honor. Shortly after completing his course at the Georgia State Industrial College, he married Miss Lucile Dixon of this city. He then went to Valdosta where he built the Magnolia High School, occupying its principalship for eighteen years. When President R. R. Wright resigned the presidency of the Georgia State Industrial College, Prof. Wiley was selected as his successor and remained as president for about four years. His next position was that of dean of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, which he relinquished after two years for a ministerial career. For two years he served as pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. Church, a special request for his services being made by the members of this church upon the death of their pastor, Rev. J. T. Hall.

About two months ago he was assigned to the pastorate of Big Bethel Church in Atlanta, the largest and most influential of the A. M. E. Churches of the state.

Besides his wife, Rev. Wiley is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Wiley; a sister, Mrs. Celia Frazier, both of Beaufort, S. C.; a brother, Mr. Joseph Wiley of New York City and an aunt, Mrs. Cioe Bailey of Jacksonville, Fla.

## Mrs. Elnora Moore, Noted Educator, Claimed By Death

Mrs. Elnora Mellie Moore, the wife of the late Dr. John Henry Moore, D. D., passed from this life, Wednesday, March 5th, 1930.

Mrs. Moore lived a life that was a credit to her race. She was a graduate of Spelman College,

which at that time was known as Spelman Seminary. Aside from being a real mother, she was a leader and educator. Under her careful guidance and management, her six children, two girls and four boys completed their college education and professional courses, doctors, preachers and teachers; also being instrumental in the education of many other boys and girls.

For several years she was supervisor of industrial education in the state of Georgia and indeed a great lover of that work. It was from this field of activity she came when sickness called her, only to be claimed by death; a death mourned by many.

Mrs. Moore is survived by six children, Rev. O. J. Moore, of Griffin, Ga., Mrs. Beatrice Morgan, of Cartersville, Ga., Dr. J. H. Moore, M. D., of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. M. M. Childs, of Atlanta, Ga., Dr. F. D. Moore, Dentist, of Evanston, Ill., Mr. Marcellus Moore, of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and several other relatives.

## Noted Educator Dies In Atlanta

ATLANTA, Feb. 10—(P)—Dr. Plato Durham, 58, nationally prominent educator, preacher and authority on church history, died of a heart attack at his home today while at play with a four-year-old daughter.

Dr. Durham, who was one of the founders of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University here, and who has since been on the faculty of the school, was stricken unexpectedly this morning and died immediately.

He retired as dean of the school several years ago following a nervous breakdown, but had remained on the faculty as professor of church history. The school of theology was founded in 1914 before which time Dr. Durham spent several years as a minister, mostly in North Carolina. Before entering the ministry, he studied at various universities and colleges in this country, and at Oxford University. At Trinity College, Durham, N. C., now Duke University he received acclaim as an athlete. After graduating there in 1895, he attended Yale University, Union Theological Seminary in New York, and Oxford.



Vienna, Ga., News  
Thursday, April 3, 1930

## Death Claims

### N. B. Lavender

**PRINCIPAL OF VIENNA HIGH & INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL SUC-  
CUMBS TO HEMORRHAGE.**

N. B. Lavender, principal of the Vienna High and Industrial School for the past sixteen years and one of the leading negroes of the county, died at his home late Wednesday afternoon following a hemorrhage of the brain early in the morning. Leaving the school at nine o'clock to see a friend on business he did not return. At three o'clock a search was started. He was found in a dying condition in the outhouse toilet about five o'clock.

The principal's death came as a surprise. He had apparently been in his usual health.

Funeral arrangements had not been made Thursday morning. It is presumed that interment will take place here.

Coming here from Waycross, where he was principal of a school, Lavender took the local school and built it to the outstanding negro educational institution of the county. The Rosenwald fund was secured under his guidance and the brick school building resulted. Other additions took place during his terms. A beautification program was part of his plans for the school.

Lavender was interested in civic affairs, especially those affairs which were concerned with his race. He was an organizer, as evidenced by the Field and Ham show day which he has sponsored for the county at his school the past two years, his Parent-Teacher group and various other negro activities.

The deceased was born in Irvin-  
ton. He was about 45 years of  
age.

**COLUMBUS, Ga., May 9.**—G. Gun-  
by Jordan, nationally known Colum-  
bus financier, manufacturer and busi-  
nessman, died at his home here Thurs-  
day at the age of 83. He had been  
ill for several weeks from heart trou-  
ble which followed an attack of pneu-  
monia several months ago.  
He is survived by a son and daugh-  
ter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Jor-

dan; four grandchildren, Gunby, sum-  
ford, Curtis and Louise, and a brother,  
Oscar, all of Columbus.

The funeral services will take place  
Sunday morning from Trinity Epis-  
copal church, the Rev. S. Alston  
Wragg officiating.

At the time of his death Mr. Jordan,  
who had large and varied interests in  
Columbus, was also a director of the  
Southern Mutual Insurance Company  
of Athens, Ga., and of the General  
Fire Extinguisher Company of Provi-  
dence and New York. Of the members  
of the board of directors of the latter  
company, none who were on the board  
at the time of Mr. Jordan's election  
is now on the direct. A few years  
ago when illness prevented Mr. Jor-  
dan's attendance at the annual meet-  
ing of the General Fire Extinguisher  
Company in New York the board of  
directors came in a special car to Col-  
umbus and a meeting was held here.

Although for several years Mr. Jor-  
dan had been gradually relinquishing  
his business responsibilities, he re-  
mained keenly interested in civic af-  
fairs. He was particularly inter-  
ested in educational matters and was one  
of the first men in the south to real-  
ize that the negro is entitled to an  
education and that when educated he  
would prove a better citizen. By way  
of authenticating this belief Mr. Jor-  
dan often referred to the fact that not  
a single graduate of the Columbus Ne-  
gro High school had ever been charged  
with a felony and none had  
received a jail sentence.

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Negro Educator Dies**

**TIFTON, Ga., May 31.**—Lilla Deas,  
one of the best-known negro women  
educators in the state and wife of  
the head of the Tift County Indus-  
trial School for the Colored, died sud-  
denly at the schoolhouse here Thurs-  
day night, immediately following one  
of the commencement exercises. She  
was head of the colored W. C. T. U.  
organization in Georgia and very ac-  
tive in that organization.

**Georgia Physician  
Dies In Hot Springs**

**Rome, Ga.**—Dr. R. H. Brooks, one  
of Georgia's leading physicians, died  
Sunday morning, July 27 at  
4 o'clock, in the Woodmen of Union  
Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., where  
he had gone for treatment. He had  
been ill for some time, but his death  
came as a shock to his friends. The  
body was brought back to Rome for  
burial. *New York N.Y.*

Dr. Brooks was born in Trinidad,  
British West Indies, but came to  
America as a young man. He grad-  
uated from Howard University,  
Washington, and Leonard Medical  
College, Raleigh, N. C. He served  
as an interne at Douglass Hospital,  
Philadelphia, and the John A. An-  
drews Hospital, Tuskegee Institute.  
He first practiced medicine in  
Madison, Ga., but moved to Rome  
in 1912, and there he built up a  
large and successful practice. He  
founded Brook Haven Hospital in  
1920, operating it for four years. He  
was one of the promoters of the  
Rome Cooperative Drug Store.

He was married to 1907 to Miss  
Anna H. Rochon of Louisiana, a  
sister to Mrs. Etnah Rochon Boutte,  
wife of Dr. Matthew W. Boutte, and  
Miss Althea Rochon, both of New  
York City. He is survived by the  
widow and three children, Robert  
H., Fred and Lenora Brooks, and  
one sister, Mrs. Clyde Gordan of  
Louisiana.

**Dr. Blackman  
Passes Away**

**Death Came Saturday After  
Three Weeks Illness**

**10-9-30  
FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY**

**Was Dean of Negro Physi-  
cians in Savannah**

Dr. W. C. Blackman passed quiet-  
ly away last Saturday morning af-  
ter being confined at home for just  
three weeks. During this period  
there were many anxious inquiries  
about him and expressions for his  
early recovery. The announce-  
ment of his death was received  
with sincere regret.

The funeral took place Sunday  
afternoon from the First Congrega-  
tional Church. It was attended  
by a throng of citizens, the edifice  
having more than its seating capac-  
ity. The services were conducted  
by the pastor, Rev. Paul Johns,

whose eulogy was apropos, as well  
as the music. An unusually  
large number gathered near the  
grave at the cemetery where the  
services were concluded and the  
mound covered with many beau-  
tiful designs of rare flowers.

A more respectful tribute was  
never paid a deceased. The un-  
usual commotion around the grave  
was absent while the musical  
numbers were plaintive and im-  
pressive.

About thirty-six years ago Dr.  
Blackman came to this city direct-  
ly from medical school, and was  
immediately associated with Dr.  
Alice W. McKane and Dr. C. Mc-  
Kane, who in 1893 established the  
McKane training school for nurses.

It was then located at Liberty and  
Montgomery streets, where the  
branch of the Citizens and South-  
ern Bank is now located. Soon  
afterward the hospital department  
was added, and the corner site of  
the present hospital secured, but  
Dr. Blackman remained at the  
original location until it was pur-  
chased by the bank. The doctor  
was with the hospital from its in-  
cipientcy and has seen its growth and  
labored as no else has for its suc-  
cess. Charity Hospital was near  
and dear to his heart. During all  
of these years he occupied an un-  
obtrusive place so far as the pub-  
lic is concerned. But very few  
persons know the sacrifices he made  
for the hospital, especially in a  
financial way. He has spent hun-  
dreds of dollars for its needs, much  
of which even the trustees are not  
aware. The needs of the nurses  
and patients rested heavily upon  
him and in that direction he spent  
himself. His heart glowed with  
gladness when efforts were made  
for the expansion of the hospital,  
and he was elated when the goal  
was reached for its completion.

Like Moses of biblical times, he  
was permitted to view and antic-  
ipate its fruition and that was all.  
For many years he was superin-  
tendent of the hospital and member  
of the board of trustees. These  
places he held at the time of his  
death.

Dr. Blackman appeared austere  
to many, but within there glowed a  
fervent heart. With his friends  
he was jolly and made the best  
kind of company. Being an in-  
teresting conversationalist he easily  
attracted interest. It was rarely  
known that he was a sweet singer.

His clear tenor notes were a rev-  
elation to those who had the un-  
usual privilege of hearing him. He  
enjoyed a practice among a loyal  
class of patients who placed the  
utmost confidence in his ability  
and to them he rang true. He  
was ever mindful of their condition  
and made daily minute study of  
each case. Many of them are con-  
siderably affected by his death.

Dr. Blackman was born in  
Georgetown, British Guiana, where  
he was educated, but received his  
medical training in this country.  
He is survived by a brother and  
five grand children, who reside at  
his old home and by a niece, in  
New York City.

During his illness he was zealous-  
ly cared for by those in charge  
whose presence was ever comfort-  
ing to him. Such loyal friends  
are rare.

**REV. DR. SIMS FALLS ASLEEP.**

Many friends and co-work-  
ers of Dr. F. R. Sims, Presiding  
Elder of the Thomasville District,  
A. M. E. connection will learn with  
sad regret of his death at his  
Thomasville home last Friday.

Dr. Sims was a national char-  
acter who stood for all that was high  
and noble in his church, he was a  
man of great ability and his  
friends often spoke of him in his  
connection as bishopric of his  
church.

He was a former president and  
dean of Morris Brown University  
and did credit to himself and hon-  
or to the institution when he filled  
these positions.

He strived hard and succeeded in  
educating his children in the best  
colleges and universities in Amer-  
ica. His elder son, Prof. David  
H. Sims is a graduate of Oberlin  
and Yale, and is president of Al-  
len University, Columbia, S. C.

*11-13-30*

*Atlanta*



# Edward H. Wright Dead Chicago, Ill.

BY A. N. FIELDS

Mon. Edward H. Wright is dead. He passed away at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Mayo Brothers clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he had gone several weeks ago to undergo an operation.

For the past three years Mr. Wright had been in failing health, but notwithstanding his feeble condition he was ever alert in mind and activity in the interest of every cause that he deemed beneficial to his Race. Future historians, whose duty it will be to write and pass upon the accomplishments of the members of the Race in America, must turn to the life and career of Edward H. Wright for much material.

His political activities had their beginning in the early '90s in Chicago with his election as South Town clerk, which position he held with credit and distinction.

In his upward trend he was elected and served two terms as a member of the county board, during which time he enjoyed the honor of serving as president of the board and also chairman of the finance committee.

While in the latter capacity he demonstrated his loyalty to his people by forcing the then state's attorney of Cook county, Charles S. Deneen, to appoint Attorney F. L. Barnett as assistant state's attorney. This was the first time a member of our Race had been so honored.

The changing of political conditions prevented his re-election to a third term on the county board, and retired him for a number of years as political leader.

During the interim, however, he did not fail to manifest his interest in every civic and political movement having to do with and concerning the Race. His reintroduction to actual leadership in political circles came shortly after his two unsuccessful attempts to be elected alderman of the old Second ward.

The advent, however, of Mayor William Hale Thompson as the leader of political affairs in Chicago again brought Edward H. Wright to the front as the recognized spokesman of his Race.

This new political setting gave him great force and influence, not only in local affairs, but extended his operations to state-wide circles. He was appointed by Mayor Thompson as

assistant corporation counsel during his first term in office.

His demonstrated ability and good judgment caused him to be appointed as one of the attorneys for the traction commission, a position in which he received \$100 a day. His activities on this commission attracted the attention of Governor Len Small, and at the behest of local political leaders he was appointed member of the Illinois commerce commission, a position which he held for several years with acknowledged ability, credit and distinction.

His wealth of knowledge and legal training accentuated his importance as a member of this commission, which gave him entry to the inner circle of affairs of state.

At the close of the second term of Governor Len Small political conditions in Chicago and throughout the state were undergoing a change and bringing to the front new issues, new conditions, new questions and answers.

A break became imminent and Mr. Wright endeavored to assume the helm of the ship and steady it on with level keel against wind and tide.

The impending storm and its results were inevitable. Thompson had been out of office four years; Mr. Wright had severed his connection to a great extent with the affairs of the city and apparently taken a firmer hold upon affairs of state.

He was a member of the commerce commission, a powerful position, and entrenched deeply in the confidence of state leaders. William Hale Thompson, through his many friends, was making an effort to re-elect himself mayor of the city. To the surprise and amazement of many it was heralded that Edward H. Wright, who had so long proclaimed the virtues of Mr. Thompson, was kneeling at the shrine of a new political throne, and withheld his endorsement of the mayor.

This brought about a political fight which caused the destruction of friendships and the rerouting of political paths that had blended together for over a quarter of a century.

It was here that Alderman Louis B. Anderson, who for many years was a political counterpart of the old master, and Edward H. Wright came to the parting of the ways. New alliances

were formed and the late Daniel Jackson became leader by virtue of appointment as ward committeeman to succeed Mr. Wright. The lines were sharply drawn.

Mr. Wright turned his influence and aid in an effort to nominate Dr. John Dill Robertson, while Alderman Anderson, Congressman DePriest and the late Dan Jackson and their followers championed the cause of the present mayor, William Hale Thompson. The results of that campaign are not sufficiently remote to cause elaborate discussion. The decision was decisive. From this time on Mr. Wright's influence as a leader, coupled with failing health, lost ground.

In the last campaign the old master endeavored to recoup his lost

political prestige through the medium of the success of Deneen candidates, sponsored by Senator Charles S. Deneen. While the Deneen group succeeded in electing the major candidates on their ticket, the political profits accruing to Mr. Wright were of such small proportion that they were of little benefit to him in the rehabilitation of his lost political prestige.

Mr. Wright was born in New York city and taught school in his native state for a number of years. He turned his attention westward in the late '90s, where he found a fruitful field for his aggressive trend of mind, and in the midst of his other duties and responsibilities he studied law. His activities before the bar were never rated as brilliant.

His master mind displayed itself in the service he rendered his Race in various capacities as a public official in the offices he had held during his lifetime. His last appearance before the bar was as a defense counsel for Col. Otis B. Duncan.

It can be said that the life of Edward H. Wright for the past 25 years has been the most wholesome influence in making possible the political advancement of his Race than any other contemporary leader.

Mr. Wright leaves a widow and other relatives. The funeral arrangements as yet have not been announced.

## Chicago Surgeon Passes Away

Dr. George Cleveland Hall is dead. The eminent surgeon and recognized civic leader of his group, not only of Chicago, but of the entire nation, died at his home early Tuesday morning after an illness of more than five months, most of which he was confined to his bed.

The body now lies in state at

family home, 3648 South Pkwy. Funeral services will be held from the Grace Presbyterian church, 36th and Vincennes Ave., Friday noon. Frank Edwards has charge of the funeral arrangements.

Dr. Hall was one of the oldest citizens of Chicago, and gained the distinction of being not only one of the most prominent professional men in the country, but a leader whom Julius Rosenwald, internationally known philanthropist, recently termed as the man who was more interested in the progress and welfare of his people than any other man whom he knew.

He was born in Ypsilanti, Mich., in 1864 and received his early education in the public schools of that city. In 1882 he matriculated in Lincoln university of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1886 with the highest honors of his class. His medical education was received at Ben-Nett college of this city.

As a young medical school graduate Dr. Hall selected Chicago as the field of his endeavor, and his accomplishments in medicine is a part of the history of the progress of the Race in Chicago. He was one of the first attending physicians and surgeons at the Provident hospital and training school, where he performed some of the most difficult operations. He was the only surviving active member of the founders board.

His reputation as a surgeon extended throughout the entire country. While his death had been predicted and frequently he was called to other sections to perform operations and to conduct clinics, and he was also a teacher of surgery in the Chicago Medical college.

For years he has served as chief of staff of the Provident hospital, during which time some of the most prominent physicians and surgeons of the present day profited by his instruction, advice and experience. As an indication of appreciation of his interest in their development many have paid tribute to him, and Dr. Henry Bryant of Birmingham established a hospital which he designated as the George Cleveland Hall hospital, which will stand as a memorial to the eminent Chicagoan in Birmingham.

Rivalling his professional career were his activities in the civic and educational development of his people from the beginning of his public life. Dr. Hall has taken an interest in the progress and welfare of his people as a graduate and later as a member of the board of trustees of Lincoln university, he was always active in soliciting and contributing funds for the university, bearing the distinction of securing the largest single gift in his recent campaign, which netted more than a half million dollars. He did not confine his interest to his alma mater, but manifested the same interest in the development of other institutions, taking a leading part in the drives conducted by Tuskegee and Hampton Institutes, Meharry Medical college and Fisk university.

He was a personal friend of the late Booker T. Washington, who frequently sought his advice and in 1923, when the Booker T. Washington memorial was unveiled, Dr. Hall represented the Race on the program, along with the late Dr. Wallace Buttrick of Rockefeller foundation, who represented the northern white peo-

ple, and Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy, who represented the white South. The same degree of confidence and friendship was placed in him by Dr. Robert R. Moton, present head of Tuskegee Institute.

As a leader in civic circles, Dr. George Cleveland Hall was an outstanding figure. He was one of four whom Governor Lowden turned following the Chicago riot to investigate conditions and to suggest a suitable program which would bring about amicable relationship between the races. He took an active part in the Y. M. C. A., the National Urban league, of which he was a vice president; the Municipal Voters league, and other civic bodies interested in the development of Chicago. During the administration of the late Mayor William E. Dever, a Democrat, Dr. Hall was appointed a member of the Chicago library board, being the first member of the Race to hold such a position.

As an active social worker, Dr. Hall enjoyed the friendship of such notable figures in that field as Jane Addams, Harriett Vittum, Mary McDowell, Sophonisba P. Breckenridge and Julius Rosenwald. At the Hall residence, 3632 South Pkwy., was received Tuesday night a telegram from Mr. Rosenwald, in which he praised Dr. Hall in the most glowing terms.

While his death had been predicted for several weeks, the news was a distinct shock to the community, and thousands will now in reverential sorrow at his funeral bier Friday in respect to the man who blazed the trail in so many directions and who was a benefactor to such a great number.

Dr. Hall is survived by his widow, Mrs. Theodosia Hall; a daughter, Hortense, and a sister, Mrs. Blonde Hancock, also of Chicago.

Dr. Hall held honorary degrees of A. M. and LL.D. from Lincoln university and D. Sc. from Howard university, and was an honorary member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Greek letter college fraternity.



# Baseball's Most *Respected* Colorful Figure *12-13-30 Chicago Tribune* Is Called "Out"

Andrew "Rube" Foster, the master mind of baseball, perhaps the most colorful figure the game has known, was called out by Umpire Father Time after a battle of two years in an effort to regain his health. He died Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock in a hospital in the central part of Illinois.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon from St. Mark's M. E. church, 50th and Wabash Ave., at 3 o'clock. The Rev. John B. Redmond will preach the service. The North Star lodge No. 1 of Masons and the Stranger lodge No. 26 Knights of Pythias will take part. Burial will take place Monday at Lincoln cemetery.

Mr. Foster was born in Calvert, Tex., Sept. 17, 1879, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Foster. His father was presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was married to Miss Sarah Watts at Temple, Tex., Oct. 29, 1903. The wife and one son, Earl Mack Foster, age 20, a student at Wilberforce university, survive him. A little girl, Sarah, died at the age of 5 years in 1921. Other relatives to mourn his loss are two sisters, Miss Geneva T. Foster, teacher in Sapulpa, Okla., and Mrs. Gertrude Edwards of Santa Monica, Cal., and one brother, Will Foster, now pitching baseball in Los Angeles.

Foster's colorful career not only as a ball player and pitcher but as a manager and later as president of the Negro National league, which he founded in 1920, starts back in his home town of Calvert, Texas, where he learned the game on the sand lots.

He went to Fort Worth to become a member of the Fort Worth Yellow Jackets, and while a member of that team in 1899 he was at Hot Springs, Ark., where Connie Mack's Philadelphia American league team did their spring training. Just to show them he "could fling them over" in grand style, Rube pitched to Mack's men for batting practice. When Mack went east he carried the news of the greatness of this young "Rube."

Foster got his first northern trial as a member of Frank Leland's Giants in Chicago in 1901. After a year with Leland, Foster went east

to play with the Philadelphia Cuban Giants, who were then owned by E. B. Lamar.

He returned to Chicago after "setting the East on fire" with his delivery. He rejoined the Leland Giants and brought with him from the East such men as Nate Harris, Danger Talbot, James Booker, Pete Hill, Andrew Payne, George Wright and Pat Moore, all first-class ball players. The team played at 79th St. and Wentworth Ave. and was a member of the Chicago City league.

Foster founded the American Giants in 1910 and played all comers, including all-star teams with such major league players on their roster as Jimmy Callahan, later manager



# Death Comes at 71 To Chicago Pastor

**Dr. W. Cook Quit A. M. E.  
and Organized Huge  
Community Church**

CHICAGO, July 8.—One of the outstanding members of Chicago's ministry, the Rev. W. D. Cook, pastor of the People's Community Church of Christ, with a membership of 4,000, died Saturday at his home, after an illness of nine months. His age was 71.

Funeral services for Dr. Cook were held from the church at Forty-first street and South parkway this morning.

Despite the fact that his recovery was not expected, the announcement of his death was a distinct shock to his members and to the entire city. The body lay in state in the church Monday and thousands viewed it and paid final tribute to the deceased.

Dr. Cook was born in Warrentown, N. C. He was educated at Shaw University, and held theological degrees from Howard University and Wilberforce University. For years he was one of the leaders of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1909 he was sent to Chicago as pastor of Quinn Chapel. Later he was made presiding elder of the Chicago district and in 1915 he was assigned to the pastorate of the Bethel A. M. E. Church, which was the largest in the diocese.

For four years Dr. Cook was pastor of Bethel and there developed a great church and a great following. In fact so great a following did he build up that when he resigned from the A. M. E. Conference in 1919 following a difference with the officials he was able to establish an independent church, which has grown to be one of the largest and most influential church and civic centers in the city of Chicago.

For a number of years Dr. Cook held his services in the auditorium of the Wendell Phillips High School and his congregation and membership grew rapidly until, when the new church building was purchased at Forty-first street and South parkway, the institution boasted of a membership of some 4,000. A community center is conducted in connection with the church, which also has attracted much attention through the effective work accomplished.

Dr. Cook is survived by a widow and two daughters. He was laid to rest at Lincoln Cemetery.

# PROMINENT MINISTER SUCCUMBS

**Dr. W. D. Cook Dies in Chicago After Nine Months Illness**

CHICAGO, July 10.—Dr. W. D. Cook, 71 years old, pastor and founder of the Peoples Community Church of Christ and the Metropolitan Community Center, 4108 South Parkway, died Saturday, July 5th, at his residence, 4108 South Parkway, after nine months illness.

Dr. Cook was born at Warrentown, N. C. He was an alumnus of Shaw University, Wilberforce Theological Seminary and Howard University. He served as pastor of Quinn Chapel, presiding elder of the Chicago district of the A. M. E. Church, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church. He won national recognition when he resigned from the A. M. E. fellowship and formed the Community Church of which he was pastor until his death.

He leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. Benotia Lee and Miss Edna Cook.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning from the Community Church.

# CHICAGO, ILL. Mrs AUG 6 - 1930 EDWARD WRIGHT DIES; LEADER OF NEGROES HERE

**Politician Is Victim of  
Heart Ailment; Held  
Several Offices.**

Edward H. Wright of 3844 Calumet avenue, one of Chicago's most prominent Negro citizens and former member of the Illinois Commerce Commission, died today at the Mayo brothers' sanitarium, Rochester, Minn.

His death was due to heart disease from which he had suffered for two years. He underwent an operation last Friday. His body will be brought to Chicago tomorrow for burial.

Wright was for more than thirty years a political leader among Chicago Negroes. He was elected to the board of Cook county commissioners some years ago. He was also the first Negro attorney ever to be appointed an assistant state's attorney for Cook county, as also he was the first of his race to serve as ward committeeman. At the time of his death he was a Deneen committeeman from the 2d ward.

**Race Leader for Small.**  
He came into a new prominence during the mayoralty campaign of 1927 when he opposed the re-election of Mayor Thompson. He was the personal friend of Fred Lundin and was the sponsor for practically all the Negro leaders who have been either elected or appointed to fill positions of public trust.

His influence was sought by all of his race who sought advancement in the city, county, state or federal governments. The Appomattox Club, which has grown to be the leading Negro club in America, was sponsored by Wright.

**Became Lawyer Here.**  
Wright came to Chicago from New York, where he had been a school

teacher. He graduated from the Kent College of Law and was admitted to the bar and practiced law in this city ever since. He is survived by his widow and two sisters.

The funeral service will be held at St. Thomas' Episcopal church at 3801 South Wabash avenue.

# Edw. H. Wright Political Leader Reported Dead

Edward H. Wright, one of the most picturesque figures in southside politics, died at 5 o'clock this morning (Wednesday) at the Mayo Brothers hospital, Rochester, Minn., according to reports received here. The former international commerce commissioner and Second Ward committeeman had been suffering from a stomach ailment for two years, and had been under the care of his physician at the hospital for eight weeks.

Wright came to Chicago in 1878 and entered politics immediately. He was an early associate of former Congressman Martin B. Madden and William Lorimer. He was south town clerk in the days of the old township organizations, and during his career saw services as assistant corporation counsel, a member of Mayor Thompson's traction committee, ward committeeman and commerce commissioner.

In his last years, Wright broke with the Regular Republican organization and became leader of the Deneen forces on the south side. The political leader is survived by his widow and a sister and brother. His home was at 3844 Calumet avenue.

# CAPT. BURKE Defender WAR VETERAN 11-29-30 OF 8TH, DEAD Chicago, Ill

METROPOLIS, Ill., Nov. 28.—The funeral of Capt. Horace G. Burke, held Wednesday at St. Paul A. M. E. church, was one of the largest ever witnessed in this city.

Captain Burke, a veteran of three wars, and one of the outstanding heroes of the famous Eighth regiment, died Saturday, Nov. 23, at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., after an illness that has kept him in one government hospital or another since the war.

Born in Houston, Tex., Captain Burke came to Metropolis while still in his teens. He joined the Eighth regiment shortly after its organization, and went to Cuba as a member of that outfit. When Company M was brought to this city, Burke took such an active part in its activities that he was given much of the credit for its efficiency in this part of the state. It was as commander of Company L, one of the Third battalion units of the Eighth regiment, that Captain Burke was wounded while in battle during the last offensive of the allies the latter part of October, 1918.

Invalided home, the captain was transferred from Company L back to Company M, located at Metropolis, and was made custodian of the armory here. He never fully recovered from his wounds, and was soon transferred to the United States Military hospital at Maywood where he remained until, upon his own request, he was sent to the hospital at Jefferson Barracks that he might be nearer home.

Although Company M was mustered out of service last year and disbanded along with the entire Third battalion, most of Captain Burke's former buddies of war days, and former members of the outfit, attended his funeral in a body. The services were under the direction of the Masons and Odd Fellows, both of which organizations he was a member, as well as a patron of the Order of Eastern Stars of Metropolis.

Captain Burke was a graduate of Straight college in New Orleans. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mabel Burke; one daughter, Mrs. Bernice Elizabeth Hutchinson of Detroit; one sister, Mrs. Viola Dewalt of Houston, Tex., and a niece and nephew.

Joseph Rapier, prominent lawyer and fraternal man and editor of the Commonwealth, passed away at Provident hospital in Chicago early Friday morning after a lingering illness of several months.

# Rapier Passes Away; To Hold Burial Monday

**Was Editor, Lawyer and  
Fraternal Man; Came  
To Gary in 1912**

Mr. Rapier, who was 49 years old at the time of his death, was born in Florence, Alabama. He received his early education in the public schools of that city and then went to Howard university in Washington, D. C., where he graduated from law school.

It was in 1912 when the now deceased man first set foot on Gary soil. He practiced law all during his residence here and was one of



the first Negro attorneys to do so. Seven years ago he founded the Commonwealth, weekly newspaper, and was editor and president of the Commonwealth Publishing Co. Inc., until his death.

#### Fraternal Man

Mr. Rapier stood unusually high in fraternal circles. He was grand attorney for the Knights of Pythias and a past grand-master of the Pythagoras lodge of the Masonic order. He was also a member of the Gary Law forum and the Lake County Bar association.

To mourn his loss, the deceased man leaves a sister, Mrs. A. R. Fleming of Chicago, a brother, Felix Rapier of Kansas City, Mo., and a cousin, Mrs. Betty Foster of Florence, Ala., in addition to a host of minor relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Monday at one o'clock in the chapel of the Charles Jackson Undertaking establishment at 3800 Michigan avenue, Chicago.

## EXTRA!!

Andrew "Rube" Foster, Negro baseball's "Grand Old Man" and organizer of the Negro National League, died last night in a sanitarium near Kankakee in which he had been confined for more than three years for treatment of a mental ailment.

When his wife, who lives at 4133 Michigan Avenue was notified earlier in the evening that "Rube" was dying, she and Floyd "Jelly" Gardner, rushed to his side but were too late.

## Former Czar of Baseball Ends Proud Career

Foster, who literally created Negro baseball, was one of the most colorful figures the game has ever known. / 2-13-20

Himself once a great player and organizer extraordinary of ball teams and leagues, was considered as the most famous Negro player of all times.

"Rube" as he was widely and popularly known, was born in a small town near Houston, Tex., in which section his career on the diamond began. Even then he is said to have dreamed of a Negro National League which should put

the game on a par with the white leagues. He lived to see his dream realized and his team, the American Giants, among the most powerful in baseball circles.

His first Chicago team was the well remembered Leland Giants, out of which the famous American Giants were formed.

Three years ago in the midst of a hot fight between the Eastern and Western leagues, he suffered a period of mental illness, and since that time was a patient at the sanitarium where his condition grew steadily worse. He is survived by his wife, a son and other relatives in Houston, Tex.

## Mrs. Zarah Wright, Author of "Black and White Tangled Threads," Dies

Mrs. Zarah Wright, widow of the late J. E. Wright and author of "Black and White Tangled Threads" and other stories, who passed away Oct. 22, was buried at Lincoln cemetery Saturday following funeral services at F. D. Porter's chapel, 4639 State St. Bishop Archibald J. Carey officiated at the rites.

Mrs. Wright was born in Cincinnati 65 years ago and has been a resident of this city for the last 30-odd years. Until a few years ago she was active in civic and welfare movements. Prior to the death of her husband in 1914 Mrs. Wright was an outstanding personality in her community. And while she devoted some time to her public service work after the demise of Mr. Wright, most of her time was taken up with writing.

The funeral services were largely attended, and tremendous floral pieces, attesting the feeling of her friends for the deceased, banked the bier. Surviving Mrs. Wright are her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Wright, and three stepchildren, Miss Marie Wright, Gillespie Wright and Mrs. Florence Pierce, who resides in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Wright lived at 2910 Dearborn St. with her daughter and two of her stepchildren.



# Major Allan Wesley, Pythian and Spanish War Vet., Dies

Major Allen A. Wesley, 75-year-old physician and Spanish-American war veteran and for the past 25 years grand chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias of Illinois, was buried at Oakwood cemetery Tuesday following funeral services at Quinn Chapel church, 24th St. and Wabash Ave., at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Wesley died at the Dailey hospital Saturday night after having been ill since Dec. 15, when he was stricken with paralysis. He had been in Chicago 50 years and practiced medicine at 3102 State St. for the past 45 years. He was the first physician of his race to practice on the South side.

The deceased was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he received his early education. He graduated at Fisk university in 1882. He returned here and entered Bryant & Stratton's Business college and completed a business course. In 1887 he was graduated from the medical school of Northwestern university. He was a member of the Chicago boulevards of the Sigma Pi Phi fraternity and the grand grammateus of the grand boulevards.

During the Spanish-American war Dr. Wesley was made chief surgeon of the Eighth Illinois regiment and given the rank of major. Before the end of the war he became brigade surgeon, having had two other regiments placed under his medical charge. The war department values his medical services highly and his printed experiences are used in hot country campaigns. It was largely due to the efficiency of Dr. Wesley that the death rate of the Eighth while in Cuba was kept low.

At the time of his death Dr. Wesley was medical officer for the John R. Tanner camp of the United Spanish War Veterans. He had been con-

nected with that organization for the past 30 years. Justin E. Carter is the present commander.

The funeral procession left Hersey, McGowan and Morsell's undertaking parlors, 3515 Indiana Ave., led by the K. of P. band, and marched north on Indiana to 35th, then west to Michigan Blvd. and down the boulevard to 24th St. to the church. The flag-draped, gilded casket was borne by three members of the K. of P. and three members of North Star lodge, No. 1, of which the deceased was a past commander, having served in that capacity in 1908.

William Clark served as master of ceremonies. Following a selection by the choir, Rev. Moses H. Jackson offered prayer. Scripture reading and remarks were made by Rev. Harold M. Kingsley. Resolutions and telegrams of condolence from lodges and prominent Masons, Knights and private citizens all over the country were read by Alderman R. R. Jackson, major general of the uniform rank of the K. of P. Mrs. Rosa Fouché sang a solo. The principal oration was delivered by Rev. B. G. Dawson, pastor of the church, Hannibal lodge No. 6, K. of P., and the North Star lodge and the Spanish-American war veterans carried out their ceremonies.

The church was packed to capacity. Hundreds of old settlers, of whom Dr. Allen was one, turned out to pay their last respects. Two cars were required to convey the beautiful flowers that were sent by relatives, friends and former patients of Dr. Wesley. All along the streets through which the cortege passed both sides were thronged with men and women with bared and bowed heads.

Those who survive the pioneer Chicagoan are four cousins, Mrs. Melissa McClure, 4561 Michigan Ave.; Mrs. Louise Newman, Mrs. Mary Burney, San Diego, Cal., and Charles White, Vancouver, B. C.; two second cousins, Dr. Merwyn Bibb and Mrs. T. S. Officer, son and daughter of Mrs. McClure.

ago suffering from a stroke of paralysis. Dr. Wesley was attending an annual meeting of the local chapter of the Boulevards, a national fraternity, and had just finished delivering a speech when he was stricken and fell to the floor. He was immediately rushed to the Sanitarium where he lingered in a critical condition until the end came Saturday.

Dr. Wesley was one of the most prominent figures in medical and fraternal circles in the West. He was a pioneer in the field of medicine in Chicago, coming here over forty-two years ago and establishing his office at 31st and State streets where he remained until his

death.

He came to this city from Cincinnati, Ohio, the place of his birth, after having finished a college course at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. He entered Northwestern Medical School and was one of the honor graduates. He became active in civic affairs and was one of the founders of Provident hospital. In the organization of the Eighth Regiment he also took an active part, and served as major surgeon with the outfit when it went to Cuba in the Spanish-American War. Up to the time of his death he was allied with John R. Tanner Camp No. 11, composed of veterans of this war.

Dr. Wesley was identified in many official capacities with various fraternal organizations. He was grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Illinois for the past twenty-five years; a member of Hannibal Lodge. He was active in Masonic circles, being a member of North Star Lodge No. 1, and served on the advisory boards of many other organizations.

A military funeral was given Dr. Wesley Tuesday under the direction of Major Robert R. Jackson, head of the uniform ranks of the K. of P. Some of the most prominent men and women in professional, business and fraternal circles attended the services.

Dr. Wesley was a bachelor and seventy-six years old. Several cousins survive him.

## Prof. Emanuel Dies; Funeral Saturday, Feb. 15

(Photo on Picture Page)

Professor William Emanuel, Chicago's oldest chiropodist, died at his home, 5702 South Pkwy., early Wednesday morning, after an illness of two weeks. He was 88 years of age. Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic church, Rev. Father Joseph Eckert will officiate. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Professor Emanuel had been confined to bed for two weeks. His condition was not considered serious and his death was a shock to relatives and his many friends. His wife, Dr. Fannie Emanuel, a daughter, Mrs. Juanita Emanuel, and three sons, William H., Floyd S. and McKinley Emanuel, were at the bedside when the end came.

Born in Macon, Ga., Professor Emanuel received his early education in the public schools of Macon. He later moved to Arkansas and thence to New York City, where he completed a course in chiropody. Forty-three years ago he established an office in Chicago's downtown district.

For 18 years he was located at 135 S. State St. The most fashionable people of Chicago were numbered among his clientele.

Professor Emanuel had a wide acquaintance of friends of both races. He was a member of the Catholic Order of Forerunners and at one time was president of the Appomattox club.

## Dr. W. C. Howard, Brother of Perry Howard, Dies in Chicago

Dr. Wayne C. Howard, brother of Perry W. Howard, national committeeman from Mississippi, was buried Wednesday at Lincoln cemetery immediately after the funeral conducted by Rev. John B. Redmond at St. Mark M. E. church, 50th St. and Wabash Ave., at 1 p. m.

Besides the widow, Mrs. Ethel Howard, and their two children, Wayne Jr., 16, and Wellington, 14, three brothers and two sisters survive. They are Drs. Elmer E. Howard, 4955 Vincennes Ave., at whose home Dr. Howard died last Saturday; Wesley F. Howard, Tuskegee; Rev. Andrew J. Howard, Gary, and Misses Eva B. and Sarah E. Howard.

Dr. Howard's death climaxed an illness of two months of a complica-

tion of liver and heart trouble. At the time of his death the physician was on his way back to Bessemer, Ala., where he had practiced medicine for a number of years. He spent 10 days at the Mayo Brothers hospital in Rochester, Minn., and stopped at his brother's home here before continuing south. He arrived in Chicago March 16.

Born in Ebenezer, Miss., 28 years ago, Dr. Howard was educated in his home state and in Tennessee, where he graduated from Meharry Medical college in Nashville nearly a quarter of a century ago. He was one of the best known physicians and surgeons in Alabama.

All the relatives of the deceased were here for the services.

They buried a man whose life more nearly approached the divine than any other who has trod these prosaic streets within the memory of many of the oldest men and women who sat and wept at his passing.

Such was the opinion expressed by those who were present during the final rites at the Metropolitan Community church and the Metropolitan Community center, 41st St. and South Pkwy. Not in recent years has such a funeral been seen on the South side. Thousands of people lined the streets, unable to gain admission to the large church; at least 2,000 more within the walls, seated, standing—old and young, men and women—all friends of the man who had died, and all anxious to add their tributes to those brought by representatives of civic, religious and social life of America, and all attesting to the greatness of the man who lived in humility and died in humility, but in whose passing shone out the glory that is the desire of every man.

"I was glad to call him friend," declared Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, coroner of Cook county, who found time from his rigorous duties to come and sit through the entire services after making his short speech. "We are here," he said, "to pay our final tribute and respect to a great humanitarian whose life has been an inspiration to all Chicago."

Oscar DePriest, tall, stalwart and looking every inch a congressman, stood beside the casket and told of his 20 years association with Dr. Cook. "I offered him my humble building as the first home of his new church ten years ago because I had faith in my friend, Dr. Cook, and had faith in what he was trying to do. The years that have passed since that time have amply justified that faith. I want to stand here and be

### Alderman's Wife Dies

CHICAGO, March 8.—(A.N.P.)

Mrs. Anna Jackson, wife of Robert R. "Fighting Bob" Jackson, chairman of the Third Ward, died Tuesday morning following the amputation of her leg. Mrs. Jackson had been troubled with an affliction for several years which resulted in the necessity for the operation. She is survived by her husband, a son, Robert R. Jackson, Jr., and a granddaughter, Rosalie Jackson.

## Metropolitan Church Pastor Laid to Rest

They buried a saint Tuesday when they laid the remains of Dr. William D. Cook, for more than 50 years a minister of the gospel and founder of the People's Community church movement in Chicago, deep among the shadows of the tombstones in Lincoln cemetery.





**DR. GEORGE C. HALL**  
CHICAGO. — Dr. George C. Hall, 66 years of age, died at his home, 3638 S. Parkway, Tuesday morning after an illness of more than five months.  
Born in Ypsilanti, Mich., February 22, 1864, Dr. Hall was educated at Lincoln University, Bennett Medical College, Chicago (now discontinued), Howard Medical College and Howard University.  
He married Miss Theodosia Brewster in 1894 and there is one child, Mortense, age 22. He was prominent in civic and welfare organizations, having organized the Civic League of Illinois in 1897 and served as a member of Governor Lowden's race commission. He has served on the staff of Provident since its founding in 1891.  
Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a. m. as near to him as possible.  
Then Oscar DePriest called upon the members of the church to change the name from the People's Community church to the Cook Community church in honor of the man who sacrificed that it might be given the proper start.  
Dr. J. B. Redmond, pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal church, likened Dr. Cook to Moses, the chosen of God, who led his people out of bondage. Dr. Harry M. Carroll, pastor of South Park M. E. church, added his testimony to that of Dr. Redmond. Came next Dr. J. R. Garrison, assistant pastor of the church led by Dr. Cook, who, with bowed head and saddened voice, told of the inspiration he has received from Dr. Cook. Then the voice of Baltimore, where the seed of the work being done by Dr. Cook here in Chicago had taken root, was heard through Rev. Frederick Doug-

lass, pastor of that city's Community church, who, upon receipt of the news that Dr. Cook had died, hastened here to attend the funeral.  
Rev. Joseph Evans, pastor of the Community church of Detroit, Mich., preached the sermon and a more eloquent one has never been said. "He preached his own funeral," said Rev. Evans of Dr. Cook, "more eloquently by his deeds than I ever can by these feeble words of mine." And then he preceded to wrap the mantle of honest, sincere and holy achievement about the shoulders of his departed friend and religious brother, Dr. Cook. There was not a dry eye in the church when he concluded by reading a beautiful poetic tribute to Dr. Cook.  
The services were conducted with simple dignity. No fanfare of trumpets, no professional mourners—just a throng of men and women to whom the passing of Dr. Cook was a calamity. The music of the choir, conducted by J. Wesley Jones, was a sermon in itself. Tears streamed down the faces of men and women—white robed singers—and voices cracked as they poured forth notes of joy and sadness—joy that Dr. Cook has found rest at last, and sadness that life has been made more desolate at his passing.  
George Garner sang "He That Dwelleth in Secret Places" and he sang it only as George Garner can sing. Miss Lowell V. Derrick at the organ added a solemnity to the occasion. Dr. Roscoe C. Giles read the list of names of those who had sent messages, and Rev. J. R. Harvey, president of the church council, read the obituary.  
Dr. Cook died at his home, 4108 South Pkwy., Saturday morning after an illness of several months. He was 71 years old and was born in Warrenton, N. C., of slave parents. His education was received at Shaw university in North Carolina, Wilberforce and Howard universities. He came to Chicago 20 years ago after having served the A. M. E. church as pastor of some of its leading churches in America. This list included New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, St. Louis, Norfolk, Va., and Quinn Chapel, Chicago. In 1920 he resigned from the A. M. E. connection and founded the People's Church movement, which has blossomed forth as the real religion of tomorrow. This church has for its chief motivating power "Welcome for all," removing the emphasis from sects and placing it on real Christianity.  
He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Bertha Cook; two daughters, Mrs. Eloise Cook Lee and Miss Edna Cook, and a son-in-law, Capt. Benote H. Lee of the Eighth regiment.  
More than 50 automobiles laden with flowers and friends followed Dr. Cook to Lincoln cemetery where he was buried. Dr. Harvey read the last rites at the grave, and amid moans of his faithful followers, who stood around the grave, he was lowered to his last resting place. They had buried a saint.  
Active pallbearers were Sandy W. Trice, H. Malone, L. P. Carruthers, J. M. Washington, W. H. Davis and Atty. Walter M. Farmer.  
**Honorary Pallbearers**  
Congressman Oscar DePriest, Judge Albert B. George, Alderman Louis B. Anderson, Alderman Robert R. Jackson, Senator Adelbert Roberts, R. S. Abbott, Julius Taylor, John L. Fry, Col. Spence C. Dickerson, Dr. Lee Alexander Stone, Dr. Herbert Turner,

Dr. Carl G. Roberts, William Warfield, George Arthur, Claude Barnett, A. L. Foster, M. P. Webster, Capt. Louis E. Johnson, Col. J. R. Marshall, Atty. W. H. Temple, Jesse Binga, Anthony Overton, Rev. H. Carroll, Rev. J. B. Winters, Rev. I. H. Clark, Rev. Henry Collins, Rev. C. A. Austin, Rev. W. H. Dixon, Rev. S. Lewis, Rev. S. Bryant, Rev. B. J. Helm, Rev. A. L. Scott, Atty. W. E. King, Miss Mary McDowell, Dr. S. Matthews, Judge John Drennan, Dr. J. W. McDowell, Dr. Felix Butler, Dr. Wm. Giles, E. E. Smith, Dr. Floyd Willis, D. Compton, Rev. Livingston, Elijah Johnson, Dr. Jasper T. Phillips, Rev. J. A. Brockett, Rev. B. L. Rose, Dr. T. M. Smith and Judge John Lupe.  
Among the great number of friends who sent floral greetings were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stockton, Mrs. Cook and Edith, Ald. and Mrs. Louis B. Anderson, Sidney W. Cornor, Calumet Loan Bank, Gordon Weltzman, Elijah H. Johnson, the Cook family, trustees and stewards of the People's Community church, the usher board, George Price, Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church, Senator and Mrs. A. H. Roberts, Maj. and Mrs. William H. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. M. Farman, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ridley and family, Christian Endeavor, Peoples church, Presidents' council, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Black and daughter, Chatham Community church, Wabash Ave. Y. M. C. A., Fitch family, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Mrs. Jennie Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Abbott, Peoples' Independent church, Los Angeles; Willing Workers and Strangers clubs, Metropolitan chair, Gospel choir, D. R. Mason, Miss Georgette Harvey, Dagman Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foster, Congressman and Mrs. Oscar DePriest, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kreeger, Miss Essie Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. McDougall and Rev. and Mrs. Latham, J. W. Hudson and Mrs. Ophelia Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Vena, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Parks, Alva Curtis and son, Beloit, Wis.; Mrs. Daisy Harper, Altar guild, Sun Flower club, Miss Alice Wilson, Neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hutchinson, Social Service club, Loyal Daughters club, M. T. Bailey, Mrs. P. J. Broner, Mrs. L. G. Robinson, Mrs. Freeman and daughter, Letha and mother, Ernest E. Smith, Dr. Robert Giles, Dr. Felix Butler, Mr. Oldham, Mrs. Danigan, Gary Community church, Mr. and Mrs. Glover Compton, Mrs. Francis Robertson and daughter, Edna; the Howard Alumni Association of Chicago, Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Butler, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Spivey, Dr. H. S. Coleman, Dr. Reginald Smith, Dr. Barahill, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Alexander, Mrs. Mary Boykin, Atty. Fred McKinney, Lane's Flower shop, Community church of Detroit, Ladies auxiliary, 8th regiment, George Arthur and family, Dr. and Mrs. Roscoe Giles and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Landrum.  
From every corner of the nation came telegrams and messages of condolence. Among this vast group were the following: S. S. Atkins, Kenton, Ohio; Rev. Joseph M. Evans, Detroit; Mrs. William H. Stockton, Rochester, N. Y.; Anita Patti and Arthur Brown, Chicago; E. Savoy Bolden, Brooklyn; Rev. William T. F. Taylor, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Barton, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. William Giles, Chicago; Malcolm Vineburg, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs.

Niles O'Cannon, Minneapolis; Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Stewart, New Orleans; Mrs. Harriett Wilson, Chicago; Rev. W. E. Taylor, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. and Mrs. William H. Griffin, Chicago; Gary Community church, Gary, Ind.; non-commissioned officers, Co. C, 8th Infantry, Chicago; Charles Wolf, New York; Ida Plumber Liston, Washington; Good Shepherd Congregational church, Chicago; Rev. Wilson and family, Chicago; Peoples Independent church, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Richey, Chicago; H. R. Crawford, Wabash Ave. Y. M. C. A., Chicago; the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Hadley, Detroit; George W. Cook, Washington; E. A. Wilbur Johnson, Detroit; N. P. Greggs, Los Angeles; Rev. J. C. Anderson, Columbus, Ohio; B. G. Dawson, Atlanta; Walter and Nettie Speedy, Chicago; The Chicago Defender; Rev. W. F. Taylor, Chicago; Tiller and Goodwin families; Francis Washington, Galesburg, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Metcalf and family; Mrs. M. C. B. Mason and family, Chicago; H. Franklin Bray; Charles A. Griffin, J. S. Herndon, Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Lena W. Cornelius and Mrs. Sula M. Williams, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Young, Chicago; Rev. and Mrs. J. N. Goddard, Grand Rapids, Mich.; the Woman's Economic council, Chicago; Miss Ruth Chambers, Chicago; the Hyde family, Kansas City, Mo.; Bishop Archibald and Elizabeth Carey, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Abner McNeal, Chicago; Mrs. James M. Thompson, Lansing, Mich.; the Colored Methodist Episcopal alliance, Chicago; George A. Singleton, Paducah, Ky.; Rev. and Mrs. Mansfield Collins; Quinn chapel, Chicago; Rev. F. H. Butler, Austin, Tex.; Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Timmons, Minneapolis, Chicago Conference, Missionary society; Mrs. Mary C. Holmes, Mrs. Lillian M. Hardge, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Foster, Rev. J. R. McClain, Fred McKinney, Mrs. D. W. Nelson, Chicago; A. M. Lee, Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. Wilbur H. Waters, Baltimore, Md.; Bethel A. M. E. church, Chicago; Radiant Baptist church, Chicago; First Presbyterian church, Chicago; Daisy Brown Martin and daughter, Chicago; Lucille and Lola Tripp, Chicago; Cosmopolitan Community church, Baltimore, Md., and Atty. Don Compton, Chicago.



EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 23.—(Special)—Ernest G. Tidrington, 48, lawyer of national note and for many years a giant Indiana political power, was shot and killed here Wednesday night. *Indianapolis Recorder 1-25-30 Indianapolis*  
Mr. Tidrington, for many years active in local and state politics with headquarters in this city, was fatally shot in the back of the neck by Luther Bell, age 47, local room owner.

**Last Rites Held For Physician Interred Kokomo**

KOKOMO, Ind., March 26.—(Special)—Funeral services for Dr. A. R. F. Johnson, former president of the Indiana State Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical association, who died Friday of last week in Gary, were held here Monday afternoon. *Recorder*

In attendance at the funeral services for Dr. Johnson, were the following physicians from Indianapolis: Dr. Earl Roberts, vice president of the State Medical association, upon whom the presidency of the organization will now devolve; Dr. E. D. Moten, secretary of the Medical association; Dr. J. B. Hemkall and Dr. I. N. Turner, members of the Central Executive committee recently appointed by Dr. Johnson.

The floral offering which was particularly beautiful and profuse, formed an embankment of two or three feet high around the grave. *Indianapolis*

In spite of the fact that Dr. Johnson had been confined to his room since last October, he never ceased to stay abreast with the affairs of the National and State Medical associations of which he was president up until the time of his death.

**MILTON ROBINSON, VETERAN CIVIL WAR SOLDIER, DIES**

*Indianapolis Recorder 7-26-30*

Member Of First Negro Unit In Memorable Struggle Between The States Succumbs To Heat At Fulton Street Home

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**BURIED IN SOLDIERS' CEMETERY**

Funeral services for Milton Robinson, 90 years old, Civil war veteran, who died Thursday of last week at his home, 532 Fulton street after he had become overcome by the heat, were held Saturday afternoon at the Allen chapel church.

Served in 64th Massachusetts Mr. Robinson served in the 64th Massachusetts volunteers, the 1st regiment of colored soldiers organized during the war between the states on the same basis as white troops.

The well known war veteran died on the eve of the anniversary of the capture of Fort Wagner, S. C., during which his regiment was nearly annihilated. The latter circumstance was precipitated when Robinson's regiment made a charge against the Confederate earthworks on Morris island, opposite Charleston, July 18, 1863.

Lived Here Since War Except for a short period which he spent in the soldier home at Lafayette, deceased had lived in Indianapolis since the Civil war. For many years Mr. Robinson was employed in caring for lawns and shrubbery about the city.

In a foreward of Mrs. Martha Nicholson, McKay's book, "When the Tide Turned in the Civil War," Mr. Robinson is mentioned. The book was written in 1928. Mrs. McKay is an Indianapolis resident. Mr. Robinson is mentioned in the book's foreward as being one of the few remaining veterans who

served in the famous regiment. Born in Kentucky Mr. Robinson was born in Henry county, Ky., July 1, 1840. When Federal troops conquered that section Mr. Robinson fled to Indiana with a company of volunteer soldiers. The trip to Hoosierdom was made easy for the fleeing Kentuckian by a white officer who permitted Robinson to ride behind him on his horse.

Answered the Call During the conflict Governor Andrew of the State of Massachusetts issued a call for the formation of a Negro regiment. The call to arms appealed to Mr. Robinson to such an extent that he went to Massachusetts immediately to enlist in the regiment, of which Col. Robert Gould Shaw was placed in command. Public school No. 40, at Walnut and Senate avenue, was dedicated to the famous colonel. After a period of training the regiment which was sent southward was given the post of honor in the memorable attack on Fort Wagner.

Col Shaw led his troop first charge and was killed. Ramparts, his body falling the fort. Eleven Negro leaped into the fort to die with him and were killed.

The behavior of the regiment was such that 360,000 were enlisted to form other regiments for service in the war.

Burial was in the Crown Hill cemetery resoldiers.

**JOSEPH RAPIER ATTORNEY AND EDITOR, DEAD**

*Recorder*

Veteran Publisher Was Prominent In Civic And Fraternal Circles—Funeral Rites

Held In Chicago Monday.

*Indianapolis Ind*

GARY, Ind., Nov. 14.—Joseph H. Rapier, 48 years old, prominent lawyer and editor and publisher of the Commonwealth, died at his home here Friday of last week in Providence Hospital, Chicago.

Mr. Rapier, who was a graduate of Howard University Law School in Washington, D. C., began his practice in this city eighteen years ago where until his illness a few months ago deceased maintained a heavy clientele. Mr. Rapier was for many years identified with many civic and fraternal organizations, of Gary and the state of Indiana. He was Grand Attorney for the Knights of Pythias of Indiana, a member of the Gary and Indiana Bar Associations, of the Gary Law forum and was Past Master of Pythagoras unit No. 9, of the Masonic Order. Mr. Rapier, who was a candidate on the Republican ticket for Justice of the Peace last spring, was born in Florence, Ala.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. A. R. Fleming of Chicago, and one brother, Felix D. Rapier of Kansas City, Mo.

Funeral services for Mr. Rapier were Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock from Jackson's funeral chapel in Chicago.

**FORMER CITY COUNCILMAN DIES AT HOME**

*Recorder*

J. A. PURYEAR, OLD AND HIGHLY RESPECTED IN INDIANAPOLIS RESIDENT DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS—FUNERAL HELD THURS. AFTERNOON.

John A. Puryear, former city councilman and prominent business man of long standing died Monday evening at his residence in North West street after a few days illness. Mr. Puryear, who had been ailing for some time became seriously indisposed on election day, when he was ordered to bed by his physician. He was born in North Carolina, seventy-five years ago, and came to Indianapolis in 1878. *11-22-30*

Mr. Puryear was elected city councilman from the Sixth ward during the administration of Mayors Thomas L. Sullivan and Thomas Taggart, capacity in which he served the city of Indianapolis from 1892 to 1897. For many years deceased, who was a highly respected and widely known Indianapolis resident, was, for many years a member of the Transfer company of Puryear and Porter. He was a member of Columbia lodge, Knights of Pythias and Lincoln Union I. O. O. F. Funeral services for Mr. Puryear were held Thursday afternoon from the home, with the Rev. Henry L. Herod, pastor of the Second Christian church; the Rev. H. A. White of the Witherspoon Presbyterian church and the Rev. R. L. Pope, pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. church officiating. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Margaret Puryear of Indianapolis; a brother, Sidney Puryear of Chicago; three nieces and a nephew. Burial was in Crown Hill cemetery.



## Des Moines Only Polic Woman Di

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 4.—  
city's only race policewoman,  
Maud Rowland Wilkerson, die  
her home, 223 E. 13th St., on A  
14 after an illness lasting se  
months.

Mrs. Wilkerson was for many  
connected with public activities,  
for two years she was matron  
public comfort station and nine y  
as police matron. She was a m  
ber of the Order of the Eastern  
and Masters of Elks.

She is survived by John W.  
son, her husband, three bro  
Charles Morris, John Morris,  
Wallace Rowland and a sister,  
ence Rowland of this city.

The police department tr  
for the funeral, which was  
the Corinthian Baptist  
was in Glendale cen

## JOHN L. THOMPSON, IOWA NEWSPAPER MAN DIES OF HEART ATTACK

DES MOINES, Ia., July 30.—John  
L. Thompson, editor and founder of  
the Iowa Bystander, and prominent  
in fraternal and political circles  
through out the state, died at the  
Mercy hospital here Thursday after  
a brief illness occasioned by a re-  
cent heart attack.

Thompson was a native of the  
state, and was one of the most ac-  
tive leaders in the organization of  
the colored citizens of the state in-  
to political and fraternal units. He  
founded the Iowa Bystander, the  
only colored newspaper in the state  
in 1894, and edited it until 1919,  
when he left the publishing business  
to enter law. During the World  
War, when the officers' training  
camp was located at Ft. Les Moines  
Thompson headed the citizens com-  
mittee which arranged for the en-  
tertainment of the colored soldiers  
who were stationed there. He later  
wrote a history of the camp at the  
instance of the War department.  
He was Past Grand Master of the  
state Masons, and held several  
minor political appointments.



**John W. Clark, Negro Lawyer, Dies**  
LAWRENCE, Kas., Sept. 23.—John W. Clark, a well-known Negro lawyer, died at his home here today. He had practiced law here thirty years and for twenty-two years was a member of the bar, resigning in 1928 because of ill health.

## Mrs. Matilda E. Groves, Widow of Late Kaw Potato King, Passes Away

Mrs. Matilda E. Groves, 66, widow of the late Junius G. Groves, known at one time as the Kaw Valley "potato king," died at the family home at Groves Center, Kas., last Thursday afternoon, August 14.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the little church on the huge Groves potato farm and the tiny auditorium was overflowed by the crowd which came from far and near to pay its last respects to the life partner of the late Kaw Valley pioneer farmer.

Mrs. Groves was a native of Warrensburg, Mo., being born there in 1864. She lived in Kansas City, Kas., and there met and married Mr. Groves in 1880. Her husband was a newcomer in the section, having arrived only the previous year from Greensburg, Ky., to seek his fortune in Kansas.

For several years the couple lived in a hut on the old Ben Taylor place between Bonner Springs and Edwardsville, Kas. In 1885, Mr. Groves bought the first piece of Kaw Valley property and added to it until he had a potato farm famous among agriculturists from one end of the country to the other.

In all his endeavors Mrs. Groves was a faithful helpmate. She worked with him as they strove for a foothold in the new country he had chosen as his home. At one time his wages were forty cents a day. The present Groves farm was a wilderness when he started buying it. He cleared it and cultivated it, getting as his reward trainloads of the finest potatoes raised in the valley.

The present family homestead where Mrs. Groves passed away, was built and opened in 1909. It is a 22-room brick and stone mansion with a red tile roof.

Mrs. Groves bore fifteen children, eleven boys and four girls. Eight boys and two girls are still living. The surviving children are Walter, Fred, Ida Mae, Ora, Junius, Jr., Sylvester, Etna, John, Cornelius and Theodore.

Mr. Groves died on August 17, 1925 when he was also 66. Mrs. Groves survived him almost five years to the day, dying on August 14. Her funeral was held on the fifth anniversary of his death. Mrs. Groves had been ill for more than a year and had been

constantly attended by her daughter, Mrs. Ida Mae Woods. Last June she suffered another attack and although she was regaining her strength, it is believed the intense hot weather so weakened her that she was unable to withstand the last spell of sickness.



**Prof. Hathaway Dead**

Prof. J. S. Hathaway, one of the leading educators of the State, died at his home in Richmond, Ky., Tuesday morning. He was buried there on the 19th, with hundreds of Richmond citizens and out of town people present. He was at one time president of State Normal at Frankfort, and of the K. N. E. A. When he died he was principal of the Richmond schools.

## J. S. Hathaway, Educator, Dies of Paralysis

RICHMOND, Ky., Feb. 28.—Victim of the second paralytic stroke within two months, Prof. J. S. Hathaway, 61, prominent educator, fraternal leader and business man, succumbed at his home here. Funeral rites were conducted the following day in the auditorium of Richmond high school, of which he was principal. Rev. W. H. Brown, pastor of High St. Christian church, Mt. Sterling, delivered the eulogy.

Prof. Hathaway held the distinction of being the only race man to teach at Berea college, his alma mater. He had served twice as president of the Kentucky Normal and Industrial college, and was president of the State Educational association for two years. He had served as grand senior warden of the Masons, and in offices of similar importance in the Odd Fellows of the state. With his son, J. L. Hathaway, he operated an undertaking establishment for several years. His widow, Mrs. G. A. Hathaway, critically ill, could not attend the rites.

## The Closing of a Beautiful Life When Mrs. Mamie E. Steward Passed Away

*National Baptist Voice*

The VOICE has reserved until this issue, in order to have this front-page space, a reproduction of the funeral obsequies of Mrs. Mamie E. Steward, wife of Editor William H. Steward of the AMERICAN BAPTIST, who died at her home in Louisville, Ky., in last month. Mrs. Steward was a noble woman whose active life was well spent in service for others. She was one of that consecrated band of women, known as the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the National Baptist Convention of the people—the denomination—who have played well their part in a constructive task that will live on through the years to come. The Woman's Convention with its well-laid, constructive and executed plans, touching every phase of their work, will miss and that too sadly, as was true of the late Mrs. P. James Bryant, the presence, the loyal and devoted services and the intelligent counsel of Mrs. Mamie Steward to whom beautiful tribute is paid in the testimonial story which follows here.

Friday morning, March 21, at 12:05 o'clock, the soul of Mrs. Mamie E. Steward took its flight and when the news spread around the city it aroused sympathy and regret in every home among her large circle of friends. Immediately friends began to call at the family residence No. 621 S. Eighth St., to express their sympathy, and the number increased as the time grew apace. Hundreds of telegrams and letters came from a host of friends outside of the city and the long service in organizations with which Mrs. Steward was connected were as prompt to send their regrets and sympathy as were those of the city. Floral tributes began to come in early and they increased as the time for the funeral drew near and to the last minute they continued to come.

The funeral was set for Sunday at 2 o'clock, and during the morning hours great crowds of friends of both races called to pay their respects to the bereaved family. The flowers continued to come until the beautiful casket in which the remains were couched was completely surrounded and extended to limits of the parlor and they were beautiful to behold. The funeral took place at the Fifth Street Baptist Church, which was packed to the doors and even out into the streets, by friends of the deceased, who were anxious to pay the last tribute of respect to her memory.

The pulpit and choir platform were covered with beautiful floral tributes, and the casket which was borne on the shoulder of six students of Simmons University, was placed in the midst.

Pastor John H. Frank made appropriate and impressive introductory remarks, and Rev. M. B. Lanier read the Scripture lesson. Rev. J. Fisher offered a fervent prayer and the choir sang the old hymn, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," one of the favorites of Mrs. Steward.

The obituary was read by Mrs. L. B. Sneed, and Prof. H. B. Britt sang sweetly, "The End of a Perfect Day."

The funeral oration was delivered by Rev. W. P. Offutt of Bowling Green, Moderator of the General Association, based on the words, "What shall we render unto God for his great benefits?" He preached an eloquent and impressive sermon in which he traced many of the beautiful phases of the life of the deceased, and made touching references to them. Resolutions from several organizations were read and remarks appropriate and touching were made by Rev. H. W. Jones, Dr. C. H. Parrish, Bishop G. C. Clements, Rev. E. G. Harris, Rev. W. M. Johnson, Rev. J. M. Williams, Rev. R. B. Butler.

Letters and telegrams from friends were announced and several read by Mrs. M. B. Lanier. They were tender regrets and sympathy, showing the high esteem in which she was held.

The remains were then viewed by the great assembly of friends who, with bowed heads, passed while the choir sang and took the last look at the familiar face which they loved and revered. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. L. A. Offutt, and a large number of ministers led the funeral cortege from the church while the audience stood with bowed heads and saddened hearts. The pallbearers, W. F. Fisher, Ralph Graves, Hazel Buford, F. J. Waller, Russell Stone and B. T. Wright, students of Simmons University, tenderly bore the handsome casket covered with a blanket of beautiful flowers, to the funeral car, followed by the bereaved family and mourners.

At the Eastern Cemetery the remains were committed to Mother Earth, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. P. Offutt.

When the casket, placed into a steel casket was lowered and the grave filled and handsome flowers arranged upon the burial lot, it was a beautiful scene as the resting place for a noble Christian who had given a long life of service for others.

Among the friends who attended the funeral from distant cities were Rev. R. B. Butler of Versailles, Ky.; Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Jones and Miss Georgia Donegby, Winchester; Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Fouse and Mrs. Mary P. Burnside, Mrs. Mary Saunders, Miss Alice Saunders, Mrs. E. B. Jackson, Mrs. M. J. Beatty, Mrs. Carrie Smith, Mrs. R. C. Speed, Mr. Chas. Anderson, Mrs. Lizzie Anderson and Miss Anna Harris, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Alice Goodloe, Mrs. J. W. Bate, Mrs. Ellen Goodloe, and Mrs. Clark, Danville, Ky.; Mr. William Johnson, Lancaster, Ky.; Mrs. Mary A. Miller,

Mrs. Margie Wilson, Miss Katie E. Bennett, Mrs. Mary Irvine, Mrs. Mollie Miller, Miss Jennie Cox, Richmond, Ky.; Mrs. Elvie Porter and Miss Virgie Gibson, and Mr. J. L. Tate, Chicago, Ill.; Prof. and Mrs. W. S. Blanton, Mrs. M. E. Walker, Mrs. M. L. Brooks, Mr. Elsworth Marshall, and Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson of Frankfort, Ky., and Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones, Miss Goldie Winton, Mrs. Idell Winston, Mrs. A. C. Cox, Mr. Winston of Indianapolis; Misses Hattie C. Harris and Ethel Lewis of Campbellsville, Ky.; Rev. W. P. Offutt of Bowling Green, Ky.; E. Estell of Draesboro, Ky., and Rev. R. Jackson, of Shelbyville, Ky.; Mrs. Nannie L. Neale and Mr. Manlius Neale of Georgetown, Ky.; Mrs. Mariah Steele of Wilberforce, O.



LATE MRS. MAMIE E. STEWARD  
Wife of Editor Wm. H. Steward  
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# Mrs. Nellie Landry Alston Has Crossed the Bar

5-1-30 Cincinnati, Ohio.  
By Dean R. B. Hayes

IT WAS early Monday morning, the Monday before Easter, that Mrs. Nellie Landry Alston, the wife of the Rev. W. G. Alston, rose from earth to cross the bar to see her "Pilot face to face."

Husband, relatives, and friends in large numbers kept the vigil at her passing from the time she came home (to Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Dunn's home, her brother-in-law and sister), until she, smilingly, closed her eyes in sweet sleep. Pneumonia was the sword death used to cut her down.



Mrs. Nellie Alston

was her father. She spent a life bright with good deeds. She had the courage and the faith of the pioneer in her veins, but kept them tempered with the firmness and adjustability of a trained mind.

Her literary training was received at New Orleans University, from which she earned her A.B. degree in 1900, with President M. S. Davage, Atlanta, Ga.; Prof. J. Murray Smith, McGehee, Ark., and P. J. Manade, of Chicago, the only members of the class now living. It is very fitting that President Davage should be in the city at the time of her death, and very appropriately should see to it that the class colors and flower were evident at the funeral. She was awarded her Master of Arts degree by her Alma Mater in 1913.

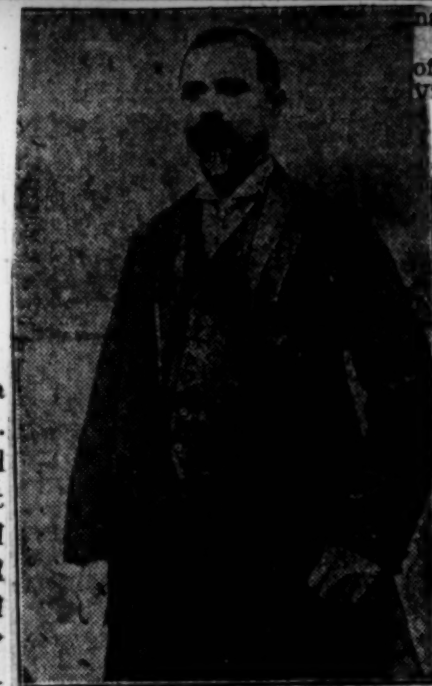
Her activities had been many and widely distributed. She was a child and a wife of the parsonage. She served with her husband some of the best churches in Louisiana,

Texas, and four years in far-away Africa. She was a teacher in New Orleans University, and was rated by Dr. Melden as one of the best teachers he ever had. She served humanity last as principal of the Poor Boys' School at Gulfside, Waveland, Miss. Dr. Alston was appointed field agent for Gulfside and she principal of the school at the last session of the Louisiana Conference. The need and the possibilities of the boys at Waveland "gripped" her, tugged at her heartstrings like baby fingers, as "nothing in Africa had done," to use her own words.

The funeral service was held at Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, where Dr. Alston pastored last year. The quiet orderliness of the service, with feelings of grief, suppressed as much as one could hold down, was so much like her own life—not explosive, but momentous nevertheless. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, Jr., conducted the service very orderly. The music by the choir, and the special numbers from Wesley Chapel, where she served long with her husband, and the quartet of boys from Gulfside, were all very appropriate. The Rev. T. B. Cooper, Phillips Memorial Church, lined the opening hymn, No. 583; the Rev. T. R. W. Harris, Greater Thompson Chapel, offered prayer; the Rev. N. A. Holmes, of Central Congregational Church, read the Scriptures (90th Psalm); the Rev. H. B. F. Charles, of Scott Chinn Church, read the New Testament lesson (St. John 14). Then the Rev. Bowen gave to the audience the brief obituary, and the Rev. Arthur Booker, of First Street Methodist Episcopal Church, read telegrams from many widely located cities of the country, showing the catholicity of sympathy for the husband and grief for the deceased. The Rev. M. R. Walker, Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, lined the second hymn, No. 463.

Brief eulogies were then spoken by President M. S. Davage, classmate of the deceased; Dr. O. E. Kriege, president of New Orleans University; Dean Robert B. Hayes; Dr. J. O'Brien, of Straight College, and the Rev. G. C. Hayward, representing the Ministerial Alliance.

Bishop R. E. Jones, a long-time friend of the departed and husband, preached the sermon with suppressed emotion. Resolutions were read by President O. E. Kriege in behalf of New Orleans University, and Mrs. H. M. Hayes for the Methodist Ministers' Wives' Association,



The Late Walter L. Cohen.

## W. L. Cohen Dies; Was G.O.P. Chief 12-31-30 Port Comptroller Ruled Louisiana Politics Half Century

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Walter L. Cohen, 70, comptroller of customs for the New Orleans Federal district, and perhaps the greatest Negro Republican leader in the South since the Reconstruction, died here today. Cohen had been ill with a ailment of the liver for several days, and lost consciousness Saturday. The comptroller was one of the few men to retain his power in Republican councils of the South despite the repeated onslaughts of whites who sought to discredit him and drive him from office.

Since 1892 he has been Louisiana's delegate to the Republican national convention. Cohen entered politics during the administration of Governor Warmouth, whose lieutenant-governor was a Negro, Walter Pinchback. Pinchback was governor during several periods.

While still a young man, Cohen controlled the Federal patronage of his state. He rose rapidly as assemblyman, customs inspector, registrar of the Federal Land Office, and finally to comptroller. He was designated for comptroller by President Harding and managed to have his appointment ratified by the Senate despite the opposition of prejudiced

national solons. Mr. Cohen opposed the nomination of Hoover in 1928, but stood firmly for Vice-President Curtis for Chief Justice.

He was later forced from the secretaryship of the Republican central state committee, but retained his hold in the national group by lining up with old line white Republicans. These men, holding a convention in Chicago, and later establishing "headquarters" at the famous "Lincoln" in 1928 he was offered the leadership of the People's Life Insurance Company, and was generally regarded as a wealthy philanthropist. Funeral arrangements had not been completed today. With the combination of Henry Lincoln Johnson, Robert R. Church, Cohen worked his power of white influence through National Commit-Perry W. Howard and Roscoe Sim-

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# Walter L. Cohen, Negro Political Leader, Is Dead

Comptroller of Customs at  
New Orleans Long Power  
Among Members of Race

Twice Rejected by Senate

Gained Federal Post Under  
Coolidge Administration

By The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Walter L. Cohen, widely known Negro political leader who had served as Comptroller of Customs for the New Orleans district during the last seven years, died here early today. He was seventy years old.

Cohen first became a Federal official in 1892, when he was appointed a customs inspector. He published "The Republican Courier" for many years and then was appointed by President McKinley as registrar of the Federal office here. He held that office through the administrations of President Roosevelt and President Taft. He was appointed Comptroller of Customs here during the administration of President Coolidge.

Cohen was holding this office until a successor could be appointed. His reappointment was blocked by the present Republican organization of Louisiana, created by President Hoover's nomination, which Cohen opposed.

Until Mr. Hoover's nomination Cohen exercised a wide influence among Negro voters in the United States. With Mr. Hoover's election, however, his organization was shunted aside, but one of his last acts was to go to Washington in an effort to strengthen his political status.

He had amassed a fortune as the head of a Negro insurance company.

Since he was elected as delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1892, Walter L. Cohen was the unquestioned Negro political leader of Louisiana. Despite the opposition of white Republican leaders in that state, he was rewarded with several high positions, that of Comptroller of Customs for the Port of New Orleans being considered one of the outstanding Federal offices in the South.

Cohen was first nominated for that position by President Harding. A split between the "Lily White" and "Black and Tan" factions of the Republican party in Louisiana resulted immediately, and the Senate rejected the nomination. Cohen was given a recess appointment to the position and later his name was sent before the Senate for a second time. Again the Senate rejected him. He was given another recess appointment and President Coolidge renominated him. After a

bitter fight in the Senate his nomination was confirmed by a vote of 39 to 38.

A year later he was indicted with a sheriff and thirty-two other persons in New Orleans on charges of conspiring to transport liquor from Havana. He was cleared of the charges.

A suit was filed in Federal District Court in New Orleans shortly after he had been confirmed as Comptroller of the port in 1924, in which it was charged that he had no right to hold the office because he was not a citizen. The suit challenged the validity of the Fourteenth Amendment on the basis that it had not been ratified properly.

Cohen was criticized many times by the Ku-Klux Klan. He was said to have boasted on one occasion that he was ineligible to the Ku-Klux Klan on three counts, being half Jew, half Negro and a Catholic.

NEW YORK WORLD

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## W. L. COHEN, NEGRO POLITICIAN, IS DEAD

Wielded Power in G. O. P.  
Ranks in Louisiana

NOT FEDERAL PATRONAGE

Defeated Move to Oust Him  
in Last Election

Special Dispatch to The World

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Walter L. Cohen, seventy, Negro political leader, long recognized as an important influence on Republican fortunes in Louisiana and for the last seven years comptroller of customs for the New Orleans district, died here today. He was stricken with a liver ailment several days ago and had been unconscious since Saturday, when hope of his recovery was abandoned.

During the last presidential campaign a determined fight against Cohen's power in Republican councils in this state was made. His political influence dies with him and he is to be succeeded by a white man.

Cohen entered politics while in his teens as a page in the Louisiana State legislature during the carpetbag administration of Gov. Warmoth and the Negro Lieutenant Governor Pinchbeck, who was Governor for short periods.

Got Federal Patronage

He built up his power among the Negroes as a young man, and in 1892 attended his first Republican national convention as a delegate from Louisiana. He had been a delegate at every convention since. Mark Hanna and other Republican leaders made him a power by giving him the federal patronage for Louisiana.

In 1892 he was named customs inspector, and when McKinley was elected was named registrar of the federal land office, a position he held under Presidents Roosevelt and Taft. In 1920 Cohen threw the Louisiana delegation to Warren G. Harding. Harding rewarded him by making him comptroller of customs. The Senate refused to confirm him, but he held the office by recess appointment until 1925, when he was confirmed.

Cohen had defeated all efforts to establish a lily white Republican Party in Louisiana until the reorganization of the party during the Hoover campaign. He was a delegate to the convention which nominated Hoover, but the rest of his delegation was unseated. He voted for Curtis for the presidential nomination. Forced from the secretaryship of the Republican state central committee, he held favor with the national administration. His term expired two years ago but he still held power enough all over the South to hold his job.

Declined Ministerial Post

Recently he was offered the post of Minister to Liberia, but declined it. Cohen became wealthy through reorganization of an insurance company which had Negro clients all over the South. Even while the renewed lily-white campaign was being waged to wrest the leadership from him, he put up a white candidate for Congress and made a good show in the primary election.

Cohen had been much in demand in the North during political campaigns where the Republican Party had a large Negro vote. He was a close friend of Representative Oscar De Priest of Illinois and was credited with having elected him. De Priest and other well-known Negroes from the North are named as honorary pall bearers for his funeral.

NEW YORK TIMES

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## WALTER L. COHEN, NEGRO LEADER, DEAD

Controller of Customs at New  
Orleans—Active in Politics  
Nearly 50 Years.

Special to The New York Times.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Walter L. Cohen, Controller of Customs here for the last seven years and Negro Republican leader of Louisiana, died at 2 A. M. today, after an illness of several months, at the age of 70.

Born a free man in 1860, before the Civil War, Cohen was the only Louisiana Negro to continue a successful political activity beyond the reconstruction period of carpet-bag rule, and successively held appointments as page in the State Assembly, Customs Inspector, Registrar of the Federal Land Office and Controller of Customs.

In recent years he was the centre of a storm which developed in the reorganization of the Republican party in this State. Although he lacked the support of the party machine here and was not in favor with the admin-

istration, he rallied to his support in recent months the old-line Republican leaders to whom he had lent strength for almost fifty years in influencing the Negro vote in the North and East. By this he retained the post to which President Harding appointed him in 1921 and to which President Coolidge reappointed him after the Senate had twice refused confirmation. His term expired about a year ago.

He was appointed Customs Inspector by President McKinley, and Registrar of the Land Office by President Roosevelt, serving in the latter post until the removal of the Land Office to Baton Rouge.

After being confirmed by the Senate as Controller in 1924, Cohen rapidly lost political strength here, as the Republican party shifted from the old machine to the newer white leadership. He was ousted as secretary of the State committee and became head of a dissenting group. He opposed the Hoover nomination at Kansas City in 1928, but retained the support of Vice President Curtis, whom he favored for the Presidential nomination.

His friends in the North and East obtained for him the offer of an appointment as Minister to Liberia in 1928, but he declined it.

At his death Cohen was head of the People's Life Insurance Company, one of the largest Negro industrial life insurance companies in the country. He had been active in benevolent and fraternal movements and was widely known as a philanthropist.

## THRONGS TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF NEGRO

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—(AP)—

Negro leaders from all parts of the south were expected to assemble here tomorrow for the funeral of Walter L. Cohen, negro comptroller of customs of New Orleans and a leader of the republican party, who died here early today after several days' illness from a liver complaint.

The death of Cohen removed a striking figure from the negro race. With a fourth grade education, Cohen rose to a position of importance in the republican party and amassed a small fortune by organizing a negro insurance company. He wielded a wide influence among the negroes of the nation and frequently was invited to address negroes in northern communities. He held the respect of his white acquaintances and was a factor in maintaining friendly relations between the races in his native state.

He was born in New Orleans in 1860 and started life as an apprentice barber but forsook his trade to become a page in the Louisiana legislature during the carpetbag administration of Governor Warmoth. This started his political career. In later years he held appointments in New Orleans under all republican presidents from McKinley down



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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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# Walter Cohen Is Dead

Negro G. O. P.  
Leader Known  
Nationally

Walter L. Cohen, negro comptroller of customs, and one of the national political leaders of his race for nearly half a century, died shortly after 2 o'clock Monday morning at his home, 1617 North Miro street. He had been in a coma for more than two days.

With only a fourth grade education, Cohen, a striking figure physically with his white goatee, Prince Albert, and wide brimmed hat, rose during the 70 years of his life to be a wealthy man, a power in the Republican party, and a friend of Mark Hanna, Boies Penrose, Theodore Roosevelt and Senator McKinley.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the residence with requiem mass in Corpus Christi church, St. Bernard and Johnson streets. Interment will be in St. Louis cemetery No. 3.

Active pallbearers, to be named later, will be chosen from among the directors of the People's Life Insurance Co. of Louisiana, which he founded in 1910, and of which he was president until his death.

Honorary pallbearers include leaders of the negro race from all sections of the country, headed by the Chicago negro congressman, Oscar DePriest, and Dr. R. R. Moton, president of Tuskegee university.

Born Free In 1860  
Cohen was the third son of Bernard Cohen and Amelia Bingham.

He was born free in 1860, the year which saw the beginning of the civil war and made it possible, through the emancipation of his race, for him to become a political leader.

After he had finished the fourth grade, Cohen went to live with his aunt, Eleanor Bingham, who reared him and gave him such additional education as he had.

When in his 'teens, Cohen became an apprentice barber, leaving that work to become a page in the Louisiana Legislature during the carpetbag administration of Governor Warmoth, still living here, and the negro lieutenant governor, and for a time governor, Pinchbeck.

How He Won Title  
That marked his entrance into politics, but it wasn't until some

years later that he became an outstanding figure. For some time after he was legislative page, Cohen was interested in baseball. He formed a professional team and his friends knew him as "Cap" until he died. His son recalled Monday that President Roosevelt once asked in what war he won the title, and Cohen explained that it was the battle of bats and balls.

During the administration of Mayor Shakespeare, Cohen operated a saloon and gambling house, when gambling was legalized, and in later life that was made one of the principal occasions for attack on him in Congress by representatives and senators whose constituencies were such as to make it politically inexpedient for them to attack him merely on the ground of his color.

First Federal Job  
In 1892 he attended his first Republican national convention as a delegate from Louisiana and he was a delegate to every one after that through the one which nominated President Hoover. That same year he was made a customs inspector here, his first federal position.

It was in those days that he met Mark Hanna, McKinley and Boies Penrose. They made him a power in Louisiana politics by giving him control of federal patronage in exchange for the support of the Republican convention delegation from his own state which he was able to control almost until the end.

A short time before the election of President McKinley, Cohen started the "Republican Courier," a newspaper devoted to the interests of the party.

President McKinley named his register of the federal land office her immediately after taking office, and he held that post under Presidents Roosevelt and Taft as well, until, in 1910, the office was moved from here to Baton Rouge.

Started Insurance Firm  
When this took place, Cohen started his insurance company and built it up to be one of the strongest of the negro companies. It brought him a sizeable income.

Cohen succeeded in throwing the Louisiana delegation in the Republican national convention of 1920 to Warren Harding early in the proceedings. President Harding rewarded him in 1923 by the appointment to be comptroller of customs for the port of Louisiana, raising a storm of protest in Congress, led by the Louisiana delegations in the House and Senate.

The Senate twice refused to confirm him, but he held the post as recess appointee until 1925 when he was finally confirmed—the only time in the history of the country that the Senate has reversed itself in that way after two rejections.

A few years later, he was indicted for conspiracy to violate the liquor law, but was acquitted when another man took the blame for the supposed manipulation of a customs cutter so that rum could be smuggled in. Cohen always contended that the case was "framed" for political purposes.

Afterward, with the reorganization of the Republican party in the South by the forces supporting Hoover for the presidency, Cohen began to lose his leadership. He was a delegate to the Hoover convention of the Republican party, but the rest of his delegation was unseated in favor of a contesting one from Louisiana. He voted for Curtis for the presidential nomination.

Slipped, But Kept Job  
Cohen was forced from the secretaryship of the Republican state central committee, a post he had held for many years, and there is still an opposition committee motivated by him which has tried unsuccessfully in the courts to have the recognized one declared illegally in office.

Despite all this, however, the present national administration did not seem to think it politically expedient to remove him from the comptrollership of customs. His term expired two years ago, and pressure was brought by the reorganized Louisiana party to cast him without avail. Several white men, in fact, were recommended for the position.

One source of Cohen's strength lay in his many friends among negro politicians in the North. During national campaigns, he was used by the Republicans to make addresses in large cities where the negro vote is a factor.

Offered Minister's post  
Recently the pressure in connection with the comptrollership be-

came increasingly great. He was offered the ministership to Liberia, but declined it as he did not wish to leave New Orleans.

Early this month he went to Washington twice within one week to defend himself against attacks, and on his return from the second trip took seriously ill. He was confined to his bed, with a liver complaint, from then until he died.

Cohen held active or honorary membership in almost every negro fraternal and civic association. He was an Elk, a Knight of Pythias, and president of the Economy Benevolent association.

Survivors include two sons, Walter L. Jr., and Bernard J. Cohen; a daughter, Margot Farrell; his second wife, stepmother of these children, Antonia Manade, and three grandchildren.

The list of honorary pallbearers includes Congressman DePriest, Dr. Moton, Alderman Louis B. Anderson, State Senator Adelbert Robert, Ward Committeeman George B. Kersey, John Hawkins, Roscoe C. Simmons, all of Chicago; Alvin Holsey, of Tuskegee; Emmett Scott, Judge James Cobb, both of Washington, D. C.; Peter S. Tibbs, of Morgan City; Charles R. Robertson, of Shreveport; Louis Israel, of Plaquemine; Robert R. Church, Memphis, and Jerome C. Davis and John Albert, of New Orleans.

Fred Moore, editor of the New York Age; Frank Farrell, Robert Abbott, Bishop R. E. Jones, Rev. H. H. Dunn, A. G. Braden and S. W. Green International head of the netis for the presidential nomination.

Griffin, Ga. News  
Monday, December 29, 1930  
**Negro Political  
Leader Passes**

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 29.—(P)—Walter L. Cohen, widely known negro political leader who has served as comptroller of customs for the New Orleans district during the past 7 years, died here early today at age of 70.

Until Mr. Hoover's nomination Cohen who opposed him was the republican leader of Louisiana. With Mr. Hoover's election, Cohen's organization had pushed aside.

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## WALTER COHEN

NATION-WIDE interest was displayed in the passing of Walter L. Cohen, Negro political and civic leader of New Orleans. Although the controlling elements in the South are convinced that its present restricted suffrage works for the best interest of white and black alike it is generally recognized that the national political situation offers opportunities for leaders among the Southern negroes to benefit themselves by political recognition for their participation in general politics.

In this restricted field Walter L. Cohen secured for himself an important place in Republican national counsels. He had an unusually active brain. He achieved a position of substantial leadership among members of his race not only in politics, but in social and commercial independence.

While his political course created irritation and enmity at times among the white Republicans of Louisiana, Cohen was generally liked and esteemed among the political leaders and spokesmen of both parties in City and State. His passing will be generally regretted.

THE Negro forms a large part of the population of New Orleans, Louisiana and Mississippi. Generally speaking, the relationship between the races in our City and State are good. The well-meaning white people of Louisiana like and esteem the well-meaning colored people of the City and State. The well-meaning colored people of New Orleans and Louisiana like and esteem the well-meaning white people of the city and state. The well-meaning people of both races are a great majority.

The race question is delicate. It will be best solved in our opinion by a continuance of an earnest effort on the part of all well-disposed and thoughtful leaders of both races to work steadily to the end of seeing that justice is done. City and State alike must advance through improvement in the conditions of the masses of the people. When 30 to 40 percent of a population consists of colored people, it is obvious that it is not possible to make this advance unless every effort is made to aid the colored people in their own efforts for advancement.

No large mass of colored people is to be found in any city of the Union where there is more intelligent, earnest, and constructive leadership among them than in New Orleans. To this leadership Walter L. Cohen contributed a substantial part.



# COMPTROLLER OF CUSTOMS AT NEW ORLEANS PASSES

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Dominated Republican

Group In State

Till Death

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LAST PARTY CHIEF

*Monte V. J.*  
Started Career In 1892

During Reconstruc-  
tion

Special To Journal and Guide

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The death of Walter L. Cohen, comptroller of customs of the port of New Orleans, here early Monday, removed from the nation's political scene the strongest and the last of the Negro powers in the South.

Perry Jackson in Mississippi, one-time Republican national committee man, and Benjamin J. Davis in Georgia, who held a like office with Cohen, constituted the triumvirate of southern Republican political bosses, virtually controlling the Republican organizations and its patronage in their states.

Davis and Howard both were de-throned by intrigues of lily-white Republicans who wrested their power from them. All the attempts to "break" Cohen have failed. Only death could unseat him.

Influence Dies With Him

He was stricken with a liver ailment several days ago and had been unconscious since Saturday, when hope of his recovery was abandoned.

During the last presidential campaign a determined fight against Cohen's power in Republican councils in this state was made. His political influence dies with him and he is to be succeeded by a white man.

Cohen entered politics while in his teens as a page in the Louisiana State Legislature during the carpetbag administration of Gov. Warmouth and the Negro Lieutenant Governor, Finckback, who was Governor for short periods.

Got Federal Patronage

He built up his power among the Negroes as a young man, and in 1892 attended his first Republican national convention as a delegate from Louisiana. He had been a delegate at every convention since. Mark Hanna and other Republican leaders made him a power by giving him the federal pa-

tronage for Louisiana.

In 1892 he was named customs inspector, and when McKinley was elected was named register of the federal land office, a position he held under Presidents Roosevelt and Taft.

In 1920 Cohen threw the Louisiana delegation to Warren G. Harding. Harding rewarded him by making him comptroller of customs. The Senate refused to confirm him, but he held the office by recess appointment until 1925, when he was confirmed.

Cohen had defeated all efforts to establish a lily white Republican Party in Louisiana until the reorganization of the party during the Hoover campaign. He was a delegate to the convention which nominated Hoover, but the rest of his delegation was unseated. He voted for Curtis for the presidential nomination. Forced from the secretaryship of the Republican state central committee, he held favor with the national administration. His term expired two years ago but he still held power enough all over the South to hold his job.

Declined Ministerial Post

Recently he was offered the post of Minister to Liberia, but declined it. Cohen became wealthy through reorganization of an insurance company which had clients all over the South. Even while the renewed lily-white campaign was being waged to wrest the leadership from him, he put up a white candidate for Congress and made a good showing in the primary election.

Cohen had been much in demand in the North during political campaigns where the Republican Party had a large Negro vote. He was a close friend of Representative Oscar DePriest of Illinois and was credited with having elected him. DePriest and other well-known Negroes from the North are named as honorary pallbearers for his funeral.

Wins Suit

In 1926 he was indicted with a white sheriff and thirty-two other persons in New Orleans on charges of conspiring to transport liquor from Havana. He was cleared of the charges.

A suit was filed in Federal District Court in New Orleans shortly after he had been confirmed as Comptroller of the port in 1924, in which it was charged that he had no right to hold the office because he was not a citizen. The suit challenged the validity of the Fourteenth Amendment on the basis that it had not been ratified properly.

Cohen was criticized many times by the Ku Klux Klan. He was said to have boasted on one occasion that he was ineligible to the Ku Klux Klan on three counts, being half Jew, half Negro and a Catholic.



# BISHOP HURST, FIRST CITIZEN, DIED TUESDAY

Colorful Career of A.M.  
E. Churchman Ends  
with Family Near  
Body in State

Prominent Masons Are  
Active Pallbearers

Following three months' illness, the last three weeks of which were spent in Provident Hospital here, Bishop John Hurst, generally regarded as Baltimore's first citizen, and outstanding champion of Negro citizenship in this country, died at eight minutes after four o'clock Tuesday morning.

With the end expected for several days, the great prelate passed away with immediate members of his family standing by.

The bishop first showed signs of strain from his busy life the early part of February and his physicians advised a rest. He presided over the South Carolina Conference a short time later but came home a weakened man.

On April 18, his doctors became alarmed because of developing symptoms of heart trouble, and had him taken to Provident Hospital for urgent treatment. Even at that time, however, his condition was considered serious. Two weeks later, however, it became apparent that he had but a slight chance for recovery. An AFRO bulletin was issued Saturday at noon when doctors gave up all hope.

**Family Present**  
At and near his bedside Tuesday were his wife, Mrs. K. Bertha Hurst; his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. B. Price Hurst, Dr. Leroy Allen and Dr. Carroll St. Clair, his physician.

Funeral services were held Friday at 11 a.m., standard time, at Bethel A.M.E. Church, here.

**Lay in State**

The bishop's body lay in state at Bethel Church from 4 to 10 p.m., standard time, Thursday, clad in the simple garb of a Methodist minister.

Members of the Masonic order acted as active pallbearers, while a number of prominent churchmen and leaders made up the honorary list.

Following the funeral Friday, the body will rest in a vault in the Mt. Zion Cemetery here, with final interment later in the family mausoleum in Harmony Cemetery, Washington.

The Masonic order conducted a midnight funeral Thursday.

The program of the funeral at Bethel Church is as follows:

## SERVICES AT BETHEL CHURCH

Order of services at Bethel Church, Bishop A. L. Gaines, presiding.

Hymn—499, "My Days are Gliding Swiftly By," announced by Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, prayer, Bishop William H. Heard; Hymn—331, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" announced by Bishop J. A. Gregg; First Scripture Lesson—Ninetieth Psalm, Bishop W. Sampson Brooks; "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," Double Quartette, Howard University Glee Club.

Second Scripture Lesson—Twenty-third Psalm, Bishop Monroe H. Davis; Hymn—"Savior More than Life to Me," announced by Bishop S. L. Greene; Obituary, Rev. William H. Thomas; Solo—"Deep River" (Burleigh), Dr. E. Clayton Terry; Eulogy, Bishop E. A. Grant; Solo—"Flee as a Bird to a Mountain" (Mrs. Dana), Mrs. Benjamin Browne; Remarks, Prof. David S. Simms, president Allen University, Columbia, S.C.

Remarks, Mr. Walter White, acting secretary, National Association for Advancement of Colored People; "Crossing the Bar" (Tennyson-Barnaby), Double Quartette, Howard University Glee Club; Remarks, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president Howard University; Anthem—"On Calvary's Brow," Bethel choir; Resolutions and Telegrams, Prof. John R. Hawkins, financial secretary A.M.E. Church.

Services—Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Masons of Maryland, assisted by the United Supreme Council, Scottish Rite Masons, of the Southern Jurisdiction, 33rd degree.

Closing Hymn—"Day is Dying in the West."

The late Bishop Hurst was born on May 10, 1863, at Port-au-Prince, Haiti; son of Thomas and Sylvanie (Gordon) Hurst. He was educated at the Lycee National de Port-au-Prince; B.D., Wilberforce University, 1886; L.L.D., Morris Brown University, 1917; married Katherine Bertha Thompson, October 29, 1890.

Ordained, 1886; pastor, St. Paul's Church, Port-au-Prince, 1886-87; superintendent of A.M.E. Missions, Haiti, 1888-89; first secretary, Haitian Legation at Washington, D.C., by appointment of President Hyppolite, 1889-93.

Pastor, Cowdensville, Md., circuit, 1893-94; Waters Church, Baltimore, 1894-98; Bethel Church, Baltimore, 1898-1903; Waters Church, 1903-08; financial secretary, A.M.E. Church, 1908-12; bishop of Florida, 1912-28; of South Carolina, 1928—to death.

Chancellor, of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla.; member, board of directors, Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio; trustee, Wilberforce University, Howard University; director N.A.A.C.P.; member American Academy of Political and Social Science; Sigma Pi Phi; Masons; residence, 1008 W. Lafayette Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

Bishop Hurst's mother was born in Talbot County, Maryland, and migrated to Haiti.

great uncle was associated with Richard Allen, one of the founders of the A.M.E. Church. Two of his prized possessions were a class book and pen used in Richard Allen's first church in Philadelphia.

## Four Years in Legation

He was the first secretary of the Haitian Legation in Washington, receiving his appointment from President Hyppolite of the Republic of Haiti. He served in that capacity for four years, from 1889-1893. One of the vice-presidents and a member of the board of directors of the N.A.A.C.P.

**Given Harmon Award**  
The Harmon Foundation Award in Religion, of \$100 and a bronze medal, representing the second prize in the branch of "distinguished achievement," was given to him in December, 1926.

## Bishop Gaines Speaks

Bishop A. L. Gaines issued the following statement:

"In the passing of Bishop John Hurst, the A.M.E. Church has sustained a great loss. His ideas of the church constrained him to work and act on the principle that the A.M.E. Church had a world-wide mission.

"His contribution to humanity was not confined to his church but every feature of race uplift engaged his attention. As an organizer he had no superior; as a worker he was tireless; and as a race builder he was of indomitable courage."

## Many Tendered Condolences

Among prominent persons who called or sent telegrams of sympathy were:

Washington, D.C.: Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hawkins, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Harris, Dr. and Mrs. Emmett J. Scott, Mr. Victor DeBeyer, Dr. and Mrs. John Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Houston, Bishop E. D. W. Jones, Dr. A. M. Curtis, Dr. Arthur L. Curtis, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Dean Butler Pratt, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Warfield, Gen. John Sherbourne, Dr. Jesse Moorland, Dr. and Mrs. Mordecai Johnson, Prof. George W. Cook.

New York City: Mr. James Weldon Johnson, Mr. Walter White, Major Arthur Spingarn, Mr. Joel Spingarn.

Philadelphia: Rev. and Mrs. Henry Arnett, Major R. R. Wright.

Texas: Bishop G. B. Young, Bishop W. Sampson Brooks.

Bishop J. A. Gregg, Kansas; Bishop R. A. Grant, Alabama; Grandmaster Powell, Fla.; Bishop R. C. Ransom, N.J.; Bishop W. A. Fountain, Ga.; Bishop W. H. Heard, Ohio; Bishop A. J. Carey, Chicago; Bishop B. F. Parks, California; President Gilbert Jones, Wilberforce; Bishop A. L. Gaines and Bishop Monroe H. Davis, Baltimore; Bishop J. S. Flipper, Florida; Francis M. Wood, ex-Mayor Howard W. Jackson, Warner T. McGuinn and George B. Murphy, Baltimore; Burdette Davis, Boston; Dr. Ralph Cobleigh, Boston; Mrs. M. Chappelle, South Carolina.

Delegations of ministers from Florida and South Carolina arrived Thursday to attend the funeral. Many of them came by motor.

## Honorary Pallbearers

Besides the trustees of the Howard University and bishops of the A.M.E. Church, the following are the honorary

ary pallbearers:

Kelly Miller, Dr. A. M. Curtis, Charles H. Houston, L. M. Hershaw, Emmett J. Scott, W. L. Houston, Dr. Algernon Jackson, George W. Cook, Dr. S. L. Carson, Dr. M. O. Dumas, J. T. Settle, Dr. J. R. Wilder, G. C. Wilkinson, Dr. W. C. McNeill.

Dr. Arthur L. Curtis, Dr. J. E. H. Taylor, Dr. W. T. Carr, Dr. W. H. Wilson, Dr. W. A. Warfield, Dr. E. C. Terry, Carrington Davis, Ralph B. Cook, Dr. O. A. Reid, Dr. Howard E. Young, Dr. H. S. McCard, Dr. T. S. Hawkins, George F. McMeche, Dr. J. C. Carper, C. C. Fitzgerald, Dr. William H. Wright, Dr. Thomas I. Brown, Dr. B. S. Brown, Dr. D. C. Brown, and John J. Wheeler.

# BISHOP HURST, A M. E. CHURCH DIES OF HEART ATTACK

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BALTIMORE, MD.—Bishop John

Hurst, a towering figure in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and one of the most dynamic characters of the religious world, presiding bishop of the 7th Episcopal District, former chancellor of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla., died at Provident Hospital here Monday following a heart attack. The distinguished prelate was 68 years old. He was a native of the Republic of Haiti, but had made his impress upon the life and character of the Negroes of America, and had lived at one time within the portals of diplomatic circles accredited to the United States.

*Notable, Va*  
The bishop's health had been steadily declining for several weeks. He arrived here about two weeks ago from Florida which is covered by his district and where his activities were centered, in a much weakened condition, and entered Provident Hospital for treatment of the heart, but sank gradually until the end came.

His funeral will be here Friday, and is expected to be attended by bishops, general officers and pastors of the A. M. E. Church along with numerous dignitaries of other denominations, leading educators of national repute and public officials.

During his 16 years administration in Florida Bishop Hurst has been chiefly concerned in building up the denominational schools. Under his direction Lee Seminary at Edward Waters College was built at a cost of \$350,000 and is one of the most expensive Negro educational

buildings in the State. Through his years of labor he has built up Edward Waters to a college of first rank, but the strenuous work of financing in connection with the school and the heavy demands of his diocese proved too much for his physical strength, though he was a man of great physical reserve and large physique, and his heart gave way under the strain.

Born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti May 10, 1863, and receiving his elementary education at Lycee National Port-au-Prince, the youthful John Hurst climbed steadily to eminence. Coming to this country he received the degree of B. D. from Wilberforce University in 1886, and married Miss Kathrine Bertha Thompson four years later. During the year of his graduation from Wilberforce he was ordained to the Methodist ministry and assigned to St. Paul's Church, Port-au-Prince where he served from 1886 to 1887, then became superintendent of A. M. E. missions of Haiti.

## Returns To America

Bishop Hurst returned to this country in 1893 as the first Secretary of the Haitian Legation in Washington by appointment of President Hyppolite, and in the same year he joined the Baltimore Conference of the A. M. E. Church. He served as Haitian diplomat here for four years, then began his active work in the ministry. He served as financial secretary of his church from 1908 to 1912, and in the latter year was elevated to the bishopric. At his death he was Chancellor of Edward Waters College, member of board of trustees of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University; trustee of Wilberforce; trustee of Howard University; director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; member of the American Academic Political and Social Science Society; member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity; vice president of the Peoples Industrial Insurance Co., of Jacksonville, a Mason. In 1926 Bishop Hurst was awarded the Harmon Foundation Award in Religion of \$100 and a bronze medal.

# Bishop John Hurst Dies in Baltimore

Bishop John Hurst, of the African Methodist Episcopal church, died at his home in Baltimore, Md., Tuesday. Bishop Hurst presided over the Florida district for 16 years and for the past six years had presided over the South Carolina district. He was prominently identified with many inter-racial and religious movements.



Former Afro Circulation  
Manager Buried Wednesday



T. J. CALLOWAY

Thomas J. Calloway, realtor and former assistant to Booker T. Washington, at Tuskegee, died in Washington Sunday, at his residence, 1320 R Street, following a brief illness. He was born in Cleveland, Tenn., in 1866 and was educated at Fisk University, Nashville, and at Howard University School of Law. He attended the Paris and Jamestown exposition as a representative of the Government in connection with exhibits of colored institutions.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lettie Nolan Calloway and two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Washington and Caroline Calloway. Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Wednesday from Maguire's funeral parlors, the Rev. R. W. Brooks officiating.

Mr. Calloway was for a while circulation manager of the AFRO-AMERICAN. With two others he sponsored the Maryland Interracial Commission and was its first secretary.

During the last legislature he represented the AFRO at the session of the Maryland Legislature and gave several months of lobbying for the repeal of the Jim Crow car law and the equalization of teachers' salaries.

He was at one time assistant principal of Evansville, (Ind.) High School. Later he became assistant principal of Tuskegee Institute and gave this position up to become president of Alcorn (Miss.) College.

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## Former President Of Straight College Dies

EAST NORTHFIELD, MASS., April 24.—(P)—The Rev. Howard A. M. Briggs, 83, former president of Straight College, New Orleans, and former pastor of several Congregational Churches, died here today. He was born in Schaghticoke, N. Y., and was graduated from Williams College in 1897 and Union Theological Seminary in 1900.

## Old Boston Citizen Dies

[Cassell News Service]

BOSTON, May 9.—Theodore Jennings, 75, of 1 Briggs Pl., died at his residence on April 28 after an illness of two months. Funeral services were held at the Charles St. M. E. church. Rev. Dr. J. Albert Sterrett, pastor, officiated. Interment was in Mt. Hope cemetery. 5-10-30

Mr. Jennings was a retired city employee, being employed by the city of Boston in various departments for over 44 years. His first appointment was as a fireman, over 30 years ago, being among the first race firemen of the city. At the risk of his life, at a fire in 1889 he saved the life of a man trapped by the flames. He was awarded a silver medal for heroism on Sept. 28, 1889. The medal was one of his cherished possessions.

He was born in Baltimore, and at the age of 12 years came to this city.

Mr. Jennings was very active in political life, being a lifelong Democrat. At the funeral services a letter of condolence from Mayor Curley to the widow, Mrs. Ada Jennings, was read. He was an active member of the Boston lodge of Elks. That order attended the funeral services in a body and performed its ritualistic rites.

## A. E. PILLSBURY DEAD

*The Guardian*  
GREAT FRIEND OF COLORED  
RACE DIES AT ADVANCED  
AGE—DESCENDENT OF ABOLI-  
TIONIST—STAUNCH CHAMPION  
OF EQUALITY OF RIGHTS—  
BURIAL AT MT. AUBURN

Hon. Albert E. Pillsbury died Tuesday morning at his home, 112 Chestnut Street, West Newton. He had been ailing for a long time. He had lived to an advanced age. He was buried at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge Friday of this week, the funeral exercises being held in the chapel at 2 o'clock. He left two children, Elizabeth and Parker Webster Pillsbury. Editor Trotter went to the funeral.

Mr. Pillsbury was a noted lawyer especially able on constitutional law. After being elected a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and being President of the Mass. Senate, he was also elected Attorney-General of Massachusetts. He was a prominent member of the last Mass. Constitutional Convention.

He was of the stock of the great New England Abolitionists, a nephew of Parker Pillsbury, was a warm and sympathetic friend to the colored people and a foremost champion of the cause of equality of rights and of life protection for them, urging them to a militant united demand for their rights. He was a real benefactor of The Guardian and friend to Editor Trotter in his work for equality for 30 years.



# ED. MORRIS' BROTHER KILLS HIMSELF IN LEAP FROM A TWELVE STORY BUILDING

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., —an. 8.— In the Metropolitan Life building where he had offices for a number of years, William R. Morris, 70 years of age, a colored attorney who lived at 3017 Second avenue S., was killed Monday night in a leap down the court inside the 12-story structure.

He was the brother of Edward Morris, well-known Chicago attorney.

Twice his suicidal attempts were frustrated when he failed to clear the railings on the ninth and eighth floors, but on the third try he fell to a balcony on the second floor and was crushed.

Joseph Tremel, 2215 Thirteenth avenue S., night elevator man in the building, made attempts to stop the plans of Morris but the attorney eluded his grasp.

Tremel told police that Morris got into the elevator at about 10 p. m.

and asked to be taken to the tenth floor. There, the elevator man inquired of him what he was doing near the railing.

"I'm just waiting around," the attorney is said to have replied. "I wanted to see the old building again."

Tremel said Morris climbed over the railing and let himself down into the court so that he swung by his hands, and then dropped. Going to the railing, the elevator man saw that Morris had fallen inside the railing on the ninth floor. The elevator man lowered his carriage to the ninth floor just in time to see Morris repeating the attempt. When Tremel reached for the attorney the latter dropped again, landing astride the railing on the eighth floor. Down to that floor went Tremel, again to see Morris go over a railing. This time his body hurtled down six stories to the second floor. His neck was broken in the fall.

Attorney Morris had been ill for several months, and is said to have worried over his condition.



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# Leaders Lament Passing Of Mississippi Doctor

By Anselm Joseph Finch, for The  
Associated Negro Press)

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 4—

The passing of Dr. D. W. Sherrod has caused no little comment from leaders of both races. Not only were the citizens at Meridian, where Dr. Sherrod practiced medicine for many years, bowing in grief, but representative men and women from various parts of the South, both black and white, were softly whispering "Not a great Negro, but a great American citizen has left us."

Few men possessed tact and convincing personality as did Dr. Sherrod. To the ambitious he was not satisfied without giving a helping hand. The young men of Mississippi who were fortunate enough to know Dr. Sherrod looked upon him as a son watches his father. He was firm in his convictions and could not be bought for a few pennies. Dr. Sherrod believed devoutly in that portion of the scripture which instructs us, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

Following suffering humanity until he reached his seventy-eighth year, Dr. Sherrod never rejected a proposition because it was new, nor did he accept it because it was old. No man in Mississippi lived more consistently in accord with the principles of righteousness and justice than Dr. Sherrod.

He was a politician, a personal friend of Presidents Coolidge and Hoover, but he was never weak enough to sell his race on the auction block for personal aggrandizement. He was true to the cause of race advancement; a profound believer in the policies of Dr. Moton.

Edward L. Patton, veteran politician of Mississippi, in commenting upon the demise of Dr. Sherrod, said, "Negroes throughout the country will not soon forget his unselfish services and he will be greatly missed at both the state and national conventions."

Dr. Sherrod, through hard work, secured much wealth, but remained unostentatious and unpretentious. He was affiliated with several fraternal orders and was treasurer of the committee of 100. He also was a member of the Mississippi Race News Bureau. Physicians of the state represented the medical society.



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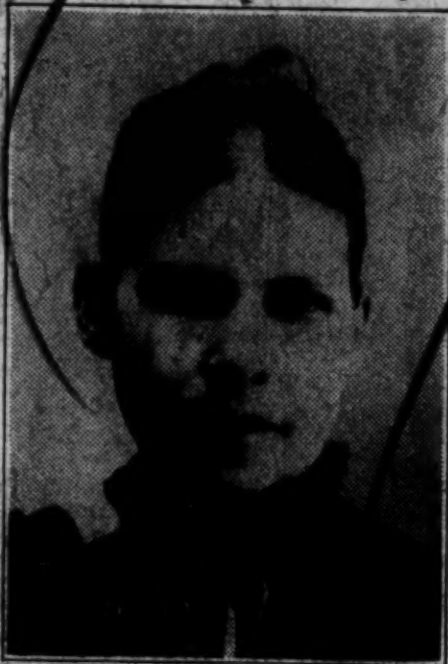
**G. N. Grisham, Former  
Lincoln Hi Principal, Dead**

G. N. Grisham, 74 years old, and for twenty-six years the principal of Lincoln high school, died last Friday after a long illness. Mr. Grisham was forced by failing health to resign his position in 1915 and since that time has lived in retirement until his death. Mr. Grisham was well known as an educator here and in other parts of the country where he taught for many years. *9-19-30*

Born in Smyrna, Tenn., on October 18, 1856, Mr. Grisham received his early training a few years later in Nashville, Tenn., where he attended the public schools and old Roger Williams college, known at the time as Baptist college. From Nashville the young man went to Worcester, Mass., where he entered Worcester academy. Having finished his studies at the eastern school, Mr. Grisham journeyed to Providence, I., where he attended Brown university and was graduated with the M. A. degree. The teacher returned South and taught in Goliad, Texas for several years.

In 1885, Prof. Grisham came to Missouri where he taught mathematics in Lincoln Institute (now Lincoln university) under President Inman E. Page. Two years later, Mr. Grisham came to Kansas City and was made principal of Sumner school. The principalship of Lincoln high school was tendered the educator in 1889 and for 26 years he headed this institution. In 1915 Mr. Grisham resigned because of failing health.

The funeral service for Mr. Grisham was held Tuesday afternoon at Vine Street Baptist church, Rev. D. A. Holmes officiating. Mr. Grisham leaves a nephew, R. H. Grisham of Kansas City and a niece, Miss Bertha C. Grisham of Nashville, Tenn. Burial took place in Highland cemetery.

**PIONEER TEACHER DIES****MRS. ELMIRA NAPIER**

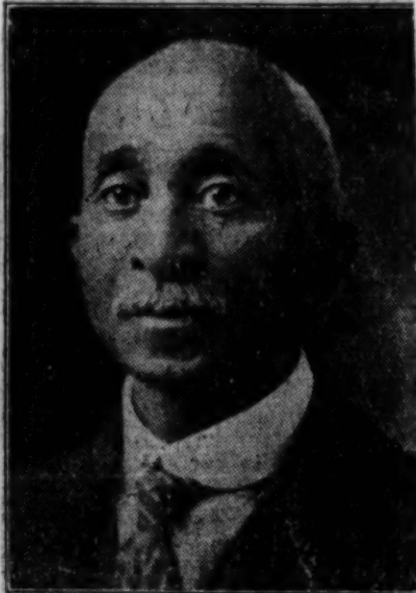
Mrs. Elmira Napier one of the pioneer teachers of the St. Louis public schools, died at her home, 2633 Pine street Sunday morning at 6:30 p. m. following a stroke suffered Friday which developed into pneumonia. Funeral services were held at St. Paul Church Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. Interment in St. Peters Cemetery. *Angus*

The deceased is survived by two sisters Mesdames Virginia Wilson and Josephine Ashford, and a foster brother Mr. Samuel Tibbs.

Mrs. Napier was born in Lynchburg, Va., in 1854. She was taken to Ohio while a young child where she secured her education, being among the first graduates of Wilberforce University. *10-24-30*

She came to St. Louis in 1877 with one of the first group of colored teachers to be placed in the St. Louis schools. She taught for forty-five years at Bonas and L'Ouverture school before resigning.

One of the fine accomplishments of Mrs. Napier was her work in the Colored Orphans home. She was a mother to the institution, being among its founders and one of its most ardent workers. She was also a faithful member of St. Paul Church, where she served in many capacities through the years.

**Veteran Teacher Dies****R. T. COLES**

**TEACHER FOR  
50 YEARS  
PASSES**  
*Kansas City, Mo.*

**R. T. Coles Had Been Principal of One School  
Forty-four Years**

R. T. Coles, 70 years old, and for fifty years a teacher and principal in Kansas City schools, died late Wednesday afternoon at his home, 2404 the Paseo, after an illness of fifteen months. Mr. Coles was principal of Garrison school for forty-four years and was well known in church, lodge, educational and civic circles in the city.

Probably the most outstanding achievement of the veteran instructor in his long teaching career was the struggle he waged for obtaining manual training in Garrison school even before the art of wood carpentry had been introduced into the white schools. Mr. Coles was finally successful and in the school board report for 1901, the teacher was given credit for being the father

of manual training in the Kansas City school system.

**Funeral Saturday**

The funeral service for Mr. Coles will take place Saturday (tomorrow) at 2:30 p. m., in St. Augustine's Episcopal church, Eleventh street and Troost avenue. The remains will lie in state from Friday noon to Saturday noon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ida C. Lee, 2404 the Paseo. School services for the deceased teacher will be held at the home Saturday at 1 p. m. Interment will be in Highland cemetery. Surviving Mr. Coles are: a sister, Mrs. Ida C. Lee, of the home, and a brother, J. W. Coles of Richmond, Va. The wife of the deceased man died about thirteen months ago.

Mr. Coles is associated with the earliest history of schools for Negroes in Kansas City. In 1880 he was made a teacher in Lincoln school, the first colored school in the city. In 1886 the pioneer instructor was assigned the principalship of Pleasant Green (later named Garrison) school which was located in the Pleasant Green Baptist church on Belvidere street between Forest and Tracy avenues. When fire gutted the structure, the school was moved to Third and Holmes street, then later changed to the corner of Lydia avenue and Pacific street. The present Garrison school at North street and Forest avenue was built in 1890 and Mr. Coles held the principalship for forty-four years. Mr. Coles received his training at Hampton Institute.

**Active in Fraternal Body**

Aside from his school duties, Mr. Coles made a notable service record. For two years he was head of the Missouri State Teachers Association, eleven years grand treasurer of the state Masonic order and three years grand master of the Masonic order and also organizer of the Masonic Building Association of Kansas City which was the leading group in purchasing the Masonic property at Eighteenth street and Woodland avenue. Mr. Coles was a member of the Y. M. C. A. and of St. Augustine's Episcopal church. He was married in 1889 to Miss Richie Cooper, then a teacher, whose death preceded his by little more than a year.



# FAMOUS 'ANGEL DOCTOR' OF OMAHA, NEB. DIES

*Courier* *12-13-30*

Far West Shocked by Sudden  
Death of Dr. J. B. Hill—Had  
Many White Patients.

*12-13-30*

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 11—Dr. J. B. Hill, Negro physician, was accidentally asphyxiated during the night in his office at 1514½ North 24th st.

Dr. Hill was one of the oldest practicing physicians in the west and was on the job daily, never missing a call. He had the reputation of going when summoned, whether he got any money for his trip or not. His white patients were many, and it is said that one of the wealthiest white men in the city preferred Dr. Hill to all other local doctors.

At the age of 60 he was still active in his profession. Few if any Negro physicians in the west have enjoyed the success that Dr. J. B. Hill knew. He came up from the bottom of the ladder and became known as the "angel doctor" because of the work he did for charity for which he did not receive one penny. On his books are the names of more than one hundred influential white patients. During an epidemic of the "flu" in 1921 Dr. Hill made calls day and night, in one day making over fifty visits to as many patients. He would not take the time to eat, and even when he lay down at night during the epidemic, when tired out and facing complete physical exhaustion, he arose at the tinkle of the telephone bell beside his bed. It is estimated that he made over ten thousand calls for which he was not paid.

Dr. Hill was especially efficient in children's diseases, and many white parents preferred him to white doctors of the town.

He was the oldest practicing Negro physician in the state.



# **Doug Wetmore, Prominent Lawyer, Commits Suicide By Shooting Self With Revolver at His Summer Home**

*Page 4-2-30*  
*New York N.Y.*

## **Native of Florida, He Came to New York and Built Up Large Law Practice, Mostly With White Clientele, But Kept Race Contacts**

Judson Douglas Wetmore, former Jacksonville, Fla. lawyer, who came to New York and built up a large practice, committed suicide by shooting himself in the left breast Thursday evening, July 24. The tragedy occurred at his summer cottage, Indian Head Point, Greenwich, Conn.

"I was worried and tired of life," Mr. Wetmore told Medical Examiner Clarke just before he died at the Greenwich Hospital. Friends say his health had been failing for some time, and it is also reported that he suffered financial reverses during the present business depression.

At the request of the deceased, no formal funeral was held and the body was cremated at Fresh Pond, Long Island, on Saturday morning.

The late Mr. Wetmore was born sixty years ago in Tallahassee, Fla., but received his early education in Jacksonville. He was a classmate in public school with James Weldon Johnson, James C. Andrews, and several other former residents of Jacksonville now living in New York.

After completing the public schools of Jacksonville he attended Cookman College, and upon his graduation from this institution attended Atlanta University for a time. He also attended Harvard University, but did not graduate. Instead he went West and entered the University of Michigan Law School. Following his graduation from this school he returned to Jacksonville and began the practice of law in 1897. In 1906 he moved to New York City and opened his law office in the

World Building, where he remained for many years. Although he had many friends among members of his race in New York, most of his practice was among other races.

He was twice married, both wives being members of the Jewish race, and his law partner at the time of his death was a Hebrew.

Most of his law practice in recent years was along commercial and real estate lines, and he was reported to be wealthy, maintaining a fine home on Riverside Drive, the Greenwich Cottage, and a large office at 1440 Broadway.

In addition to his widow, Mr. Wetmore leaves two young children by his second wife, and a grown daughter by his first wife. He is also survived by two half brothers, George Wetmore, of 311 West 139th street, New York City, and Dr. Ernest Wetmore, a dentist, of Morristown, N. J.



# ATLANTIC CITY WEEKLY'S EDITOR, THADDEUS PURSELEY, SUCCUMBS

Thaddeus Purseley, 49, editor of the Atlantic City Times-Herald, died of bronchial pneumonia early yesterday at his home at 1317 Springwood avenue, Asbury Park, N. J.

The journalist was also owner of the weekly, which was established four years ago. A member of Monmouth Lodge of Elks, he will be buried in Prospect Cemetery following funeral services Friday at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Asbury Park. The Rev. Edward G. Crawley will deliver the funeral oration, and F. Dean Harris, undertaker, will conduct the interment. Mrs. Josephine Purseley, the wife, and Mrs. Lillia Purseley, the mother, survive the editor.

## Charles Gilpin Buried After Simple Services in Trenton Baptist Church

Small Group Bows at Bier of Noted Actor,  
Who Achieved Fame on Stage as Star  
of "Emperor Jones"

(Pictures and Comment on Page 9)

TRENTON, N. J., May 13.—The final curtain was rung down here yesterday for Charles Gilpin, and after a simple funeral service he was buried in Lambertville Cemetery. A small group of actors and his family paid the last tribute to the noted actor.

Famous once for his portrayal of the title role in Eugene O'Neill's "Emperor Jones," Gilpin died May 6 at Eldredge Park, near here, where he lived in his cottage and raised chickens. He had been in retirement since leaving the cast of the play which brought him fame.

Gilpin's voice failed him and he quit the company at Woodstock, N. Y., on June 29, 1929. His voice returned, but death claimed him at 51.

Charles H. Moore of "The Green Pastures" and Jesse A. Shipp of the Florence Mills Theatrical Association, both old thespians, who knew Gilpin when he was unknown and were his companions when he was at the crest of theatrical glory, were there. The Rev. John A. White, pastor of the little Shiloh Baptist Church, delivered a simple address on the life of the actor. The Rev. August E. Jensen, rector of St. Monica's Episcopal Church, viewed Gilpin as one who elevated his race with his art.

Gilpin's favorite hymn, "Sun of My Soul," was sung by the actors and other mourners. A wreath from his

vocal talents with varying success.

There followed a long round of theatrical connections. From 1903 to 1904 he was with Williams and Walker when that famous team was making America chuckle and applaud. Other engagements included Hill's Smart Set Company, the old Peking Stock Company in Chicago for three years, vaudeville and tabloid shows. In 1912 and 1913 Gilpin appeared in Rogers' and Creamer's "Old Man's Boy." Then he returned to vaudeville with Anita Bush's company and played for twenty-eight weeks. His stage appearances were varied with menial employment.

The Lafayette Players, best known of all Negro stock companies, was organized by Gilpin in 1916 in New York. The actor was a favorite at the Lafayette Theatre in Harlem and many of the actors now playing in "The Green Pastures" and in pictures in the West were allowed to bask in the local spotlight with Gilpin.

The actor was given a part in Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln." He commanded the attention of critics with his portrayal of William Custis in that vehicle.

When the Provincetown Players decided to produce "Emperor Jones," the company director picked Charles Gilpin as Brutus Jones, the Pullman porter who became a jungle monarch in the West Indies. Starting an engagement of two weeks in November, 1920, at the Neighborhood Playhouse in New York, the play, because of Gilpin, was hailed by the press, and the star became a sensation.

In 1921 the Drama League honored Gilpin as one of the ten who contributed most to the theatre art. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People decorated him with the Spingarn medal for distinguished attainment. Everywhere he was hailed as a stage hero and a master of the serious drama.

Not only was Gilpin an actor, but he wrote plays. His "Her Other Husband," "Matrimony and Insurance," "Listen, Dearie" and others were before the public eye for periods, but they achieved no distinction and prosperity. Gilpin also played in motion pictures and made some phonograph records.

For a long time he lived at 133 West 131st street, in New York. After his voice failed and his health proved poor he went to Eldredge Park, where he and his wife and his sister, Mrs. Lella Brown, lived quietly. Mrs. Gilpin played in "Emperor Jones" as Alice Bynum.

Gilpin worked as a printer on the Richmond Planet from 1885 to 1888. He was one of the mechanical staff of the Philadelphia Standard in 1891 and worked as job pressman in 1892.

The actor made his first appearance on the stage in 1890. After 1892 he appeared in variety theatres and played the fair circuits until 1896. Then he toured with Purkis and Davis' Great Southern Minstrels and with Cary and Carter's Canadian Jubilee Singers, where he employed his

## CHARLES S. GILPIN DIES; - NOTED NEGRO ACTOR

Creator of Title Role of O'Neill's  
'Emperor Jones' Had Varied  
Career Before His Triumph.

Special to The New York Times.

TRENTON, N. J., May 6.—Charles S. Gilpin, Negro actor who created the title rôle in Eugene O'Neill's play, "Emperor Jones," and played it with great success throughout the United States almost continuously for four years, died late tonight at Linden Avenue, Eldridge Park, a suburb of Trenton. He never recovered from a general breakdown that occurred after his retirement from the stage last fall. He was 51 years old.

Gilpin was born in Richmond, Va., the youngest of fourteen children. His mother was a trained nurse in the Richmond City Hospital, his father a workman in a steel rolling mill. In later years the actor called Sister Jerome of the convent where he went to school the "inspiration" of his stage career. She trained him and encouraged him in the amateur theatricals at the school.

It was many years before he got his real opportunity. He worked as an elevator operator, compositor, barber shop porter, Pullman porter and in many small vaudeville engagements. He played with Williams and Walker, with the Peking Stock Company in Chicago, with the Pan-American Octet. In 1916 he was made producer for the Lafayette Theatre in this city, the first Negro dramatic stock company in New York. For the season of 1919-20 he acted the Negro, William Curtis, in Drinkwater's "Lincoln," and on Nov. 1, 1920, he appeared as John Brutus Jones in "Emperor Jones." He played the part for the last time in a revival on June 29 at Woodstock, N. Y.

In the original run of "Emperor Jones," the Drama League of New York nominated Gilpin as one of the ten men and women of the theatre who had contributed most to the stage during that season. In 1926 he received one of the Spingarn medals awarded by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for the most distinguished achievements by Negroes.

## Charles Gilpin, Negro Actor, Dies

WOODBURY, N. J., May 6.—(P) Charles Sidney Gilpin, prominent negro actor, died at his home here tonight. He was 57 years old.

Gilpin was best known for his portrayal of "Emperor Jones" in the play of that name by Eugene O'Neill, and for his work in John Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln."

He was born in Richmond, Va., leaving that city to travel with a minstrel show. For many years he traveled in the east and middle west as "end man," coming to New York in 1905. In New York he played in musical comedy for several months, and afterwards went on the road in stock.

## CHAS. S. GILPIN FAMOUS ACTOR IS DEAD

Trenton, N. J., May 7 (Special)

Charles Sidney Gilpin, Negro actor, whose portrayal of Brutus Jones, in Eugene O'Neill's play, "Emperor Jones," won world-wide acclaim ten years ago, died last night on a chicken farm, near Eldred, N. J.

Four years ago Gilpin lost the wonderful voice which won him international reputation and was forced into retirement. He was 57 years old.

Gilpin was born in Richmond, Va. and began life as a printer's "devil."



# Body of Charles Gilpin, Disinterred From New Jersey Grave, Brought to New York and Buried In Woodlawn

Age 67-30 New York, N.Y.  
Impressive Service Held Sunday at Duncan's Undertaking Parlors By Stage Celebrities and Friends of His Old Acting Days

## Undertaking Parlors By Stage Celebrities and Friends of His Old Acting Days

Harlem did honor to Charles S. Gilpin, buried in Trenton on May 12, but whose body was disinterred for a funeral which his friends considered more seemly for the "Emperor Jones."

The funeral rooms of Duncan Brothers, at 2303 Seventh Avenue, were packed with stage celebrities

### RE-BURIED IN NEW YORK



Late CHAS. S. GILPIN

and out in the street hundreds of people gathered to hear the echoes of the hymns and eulogies from within.

The coffin, sealed in a silver mounted case, was buried under peonies and roses. Old troupers who had toured the country with Gilpin and stars now playing in "The Green Pastures" mourned for a fel-

low player who had brought distinction to their profession.

### Yearly Memorial Planned

Sam Patterson announced that a memorial service would be held every year for Gilpin on June 1. Jesse A. Shipp, the Abraham of the cast of "The Green Pastures" and an old fishing companion of the "Emperor Jones," explained that after the first funeral many friends of the dead actor had expressed regret that his burial had been so obscure and far from Broadway.

"We have been criticized for disturbing the dead," said Mr. Shipp, "but our friend was buried near a railroad track where the earth rumbled and his bones could not rest in peace. It was too far away for his friends to get to his grave easily, so the executors of his estate decided that we would have this second funeral service and would bury him in Woodlawn Cemetery."

Sounds of sympathetic agreement came from the crowded benches in the little funeral establishment. Mr. Shipp said that for some time he had been advocating the placing of impressive monuments at the graves of performers who had created favorable sentiment for their race.

"People don't realize the value of the stage as an educational force in the elevation of races," he said. "It is a question whether the church or stage has done more in this direction. You all know too much about the friends' accomplishments for me to repeat his history here, but I remember an expression that he particularly liked: 'Give me a few friends who will like me for what

I am in old age and infirmity, teach me still to be thankful for life and for memories that are old and sweet.' And those friends are here to-day."

### Tears In Old Friends' Eyes

Tears dripped over the folded hands of Lloyd G. Gibbs and his cheerful countenance under its rounded fringe of gray hair was a study in woe as Shipp finished his eulogy. Mr. Gibbs played in "Abysinia" and "Roseanne" with Gilpin. Miss Lillian Wood who appeared with Gilpin repeatedly on the stage, sat with his relatives, and Charles H. Moore, who plays the Sunday School Teacher and also "Isaac" in "The Green Pastures," grieved for bygone days when he played on the road with Gilpin.

Joe Loomis, Alonzo Boran, James Slater and Louis Slater, all troupers who played at one time or another with the "Emperor Jones" sat side by side in silent grief. Out on the side-walk Harlem was moaning audibly and shedding tears. Mr. Patterson, who had charge of the services, read the following verses, written for the occasion by Mme. E. F. Robertson:

"Rest on, rest on through all eternity,  
Sleep thy much deserved sleep,  
And when the great day shall come  
Without the weary beat of tom-tom  
or the rumbling of some drum.  
But from the blast of Gabriel's horn  
Arise, and before the mighty throng  
Exulting and extolling thy God thy soul to keep.  
"Blest be the tie that binds  
Shall never more be heard from you;  
Your jovial greetings—your wit and humor—  
Are for us forever through.  
Your welfare and your well being from this mother heart of mine  
Shall always with soulful prayers,  
Just as in life, through all eternity be there.  
Little Emperor, sleep on and take thy rest."

### Hymn Echoed in Street

Gilpin's favorite hymn "Abide with Me," was sung and its echo was taken up by the throng gathered in the street. The last song he had bought but had not been able to sing because his fine baritone voice was gone was sung by William C. Elkins. Louis Godfrey sang "The Lonesome Road."

The flowers were from the Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association, the Rhythm Club, the Cleft Club and the Dressing Room Club. Gilpin's sister, A'Leia Brown, and his son, Paul, were present, along

with a number of relatives and friends of the family. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The earlier funeral services held for Mr. Gilpin was in the Shiloh Baptist Church, in Trenton, and burial was beside his mother, Mrs. Caroline Gilpin, in Riverview Cemetery, Lambertville. The actor died on May 6, in the four-room cottage in Eldredge Park, to which he retired a year ago when he lost his voice.

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ASBURY PARK, N. J.

JUN 10 1930

## SERVICES HELD FOR EUGENE R. HAYNE

Prominent Negro Lawyer Buried From St. Stephen's. Well Known Here.

At St. Stephen's A. M. E. Zion church this afternoon, funeral services will be held for Eugene R. Hayne of 27 DeWitt avenue, this city. Prominent men and women from the county and state have paid their last respects at the residence during the last two days and many organizations and a host of friends will be present at the services.

He was born in Washington, D. C., July 4, 1874, the son of Rev. Joseph E. Hayne, D. D., M. D. and Laura Bowen Hayne. He was the grandson of Anthony Bowen who endowed a school named after him in Washington.

Graduated from Allen university, Columbia, S. C., at the head of class receiving the degree of B.A., he was later graduated from Shaw university, Raleigh, N. C. Law school. He practiced law in Charleston, S. C., for a number of years and came to New York city in 1903 where he also practiced. In 1914 he became a counselor at law.

He began the practice of law in New Jersey at Jersey City and moved to Asbury Park in 1915 where he continued his profession.

A militant and forceful speaker and writer, he incessantly used his talents in the battle for the uplift of the Negro race.

The most notable case he figured in of recent years was his successful handling of the Toms River school case on behalf of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, thereby gaining the right for the colored children of Toms River to attend the school of Dover township without being segregated.

He was legal adviser to the grand lodge of Elks I. B. P. O. E. and chairman of the state convention committee of the same organization.

He prided himself in the fact that he owned one of the best private libraries of Monmouth county and was a skillful organist and musician.

In politics he was a Democrat.

## Dr. Leo Granger Dead

Age 62-27-30  
Newark, N. J.—Dr. Leo Y. Granger, one of Newark's outstanding physicians died at the Beth Israel Hospital on Saturday December 13. He had been ill only a few days.



BROOKLYN TIMES

JUN 7 - 1930

# RUFUS L. PERRY, LAWYER, IS DEAD

Colored Barrister Had Made  
Name as Politician  
and Scholar.

Rufus L. Perry, colored attorney, whose career brought him international prominence, will be buried tomorrow. He died of a cerebral stroke yesterday following a two weeks' illness at his home, 1472 President st.

Born in Brooklyn on May 25, 1870, he was the son of the Rev. Rufus Lewis and Charlotte Perry. The elder Perry was a Baptist minister and enjoyed some distinction as a scholar.

A graduate of New York University Law School in 1891, Mr. Perry's early training in the law began in the offices of Col. Pryor. Soon he hung up his own shingle and started to make a name for himself. He was called in as counsel in the case of a young man under a death sentence. Posing as a friend of then Governor Flower, he obtained an interview with the Executive and finally gained a temporary reprieve for his client. Subsequently, dated an actual friendship with the Governor and marked his political activity.

While still a young man he was mentioned as possible Consul to Liberia during Cleveland's Administration, but his extreme youth prevented his appointment. At various times he ran for political office on the Democratic ticket, although in later years he turned Socialistic. In 1895 he was made an Assistant District Attorney.

Although he practiced law for more than 35 years, his frequent appearance in print was due to his other activities. In 1899, backed by politicians, he attempted to gain 1,500 acres on Long Island as a colored township for 6,000 families hailing from Georgia and the Carolinas. Eight years later he created a sen-

sation when he bought a house on St. Mark's ave., near "Millionaires' Row."

A versatile lawyer, Mr. Perry nevertheless became involved in trouble with the Bar. In 1917 he was disbarred by the Appellate Division, but later given instead a suspension of five years. It was charged he had forged the name of his father to a deed, but a Grand Jury absolved him.

When the attorney embraced Judaism in 1912 he was said to have been the first member of his race to accept that faith. Previously he had been a well-known student of the Talmud, a book of Jewish law, and had tried to refute Darwinism by means of the Bible. He was also a student of French and Sanskrit and won distinction when he turned in his law examination, while still a student, entirely in Latin. He was the author of "La Situation Actuelle en Haiti," a study of Haitian affairs, and of the "Black Man in History."

A friend of Leo Tolstol, Russian philosopher, he also was in contact with many of the great men of his day. As orator and musician he enjoyed minor fame.

Funeral services will take place tomorrow afternoon, with burial following in Mount Carmel Cemetery. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Lillian S. Perry.

Greensboro, N. C. News

Saturday, June 7, 1930

Gets Death Sentence.

Convicted of murder, the colored lawyer, Rufus L. Perry, was sentenced to die in the electric chair on August 8.

Negro Lawyer Is Dead.

New York, June 6.—(AP)—Rufus L. Perry, negro lawyer whose career brought him international prominence, died today at his home in Brooklyn. He was 60 years old.

# Atty. Rufus Perry Is Dead

BROOKLYN, June 13.—Attorney Rufus L. Perry died on June 6 at his home, 1472 President St., after an illness of two weeks. As an orator, musi-

cian, friend of Leo Tolstol, the Russian philosopher, and politician, the 60-year-old attorney gained international attention.

Graduating from the law school of New York University in 1891 he early in his career came to public notice by a clever plan to save a client from the gallows. Posing as a friend of the governor he gained an interview with Governor Flower and secured a reprieve for his doomed client. This act later led to a real friendship between the young attorney and the governor which began his political career.

During President Cleveland's administration Attorney Perry was selected as minister to Liberia, but his extreme youth prevented him from getting the post. In 1895 he was appointed an Assistant U. S. district attorney. In later years he left the Democratic party for the Socialist group. In 1907 Mr. Perry created a furor among the white residents of Brooklyn when he purchased a house on St. Mark's Ave., near "Millionaires' Row."

A brilliant student, Mr. Perry attracted attention while still a student when he turned in his law examination written in Latin. He was the author of "La Situation Actuelle en Haiti," a study of Haitian affairs, and of the "Black Man in History." In 1812 the attorney embraced Judaism although his father had been a Baptist minister.

He was the first member of his race to accept the faith. He was a well known student of the Talmud, a book of Jewish law, and had tried to refute the Darwin theory by means of the Bible. He was also a student of French and Sanskrit. Through his varied studies and activities Attorney Perry was a friend of many great men of his day.

# Death Ends Career Of Harlem Teacher

Mrs. Dorothy H. Richardson  
Served in City System  
for Ten Years

With the death of Mrs. Dorothy Helen Richardson, 30, 108 West 131st street, Thursday in Flower Hospital, the Harlem public school system lost one of its most popular young teachers.

Mrs. Richardson, who died after a week's illness, was at the time of her death a teacher in P. S. 90, and had been a teacher in the city for the past ten years. Funeral services for Mrs. Richardson were held Monday afternoon at the St. Mark's M. E. Church, of which she was a member, with the Rev. John W. Robinson,

pastor of the church, officiating.

The mourned teacher was born in the city and received her educational training here, being a graduate of the Wadleigh High School. Mrs. Richardson made her home with her aunt, Mrs. Lucille Taylor, who survives her.

She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Lillian Billups; an uncle, John E. Dunn, foreman in Post Office Station "O"; two brothers, Roderick and Townsend Parker; and two sisters, Mrs. Irma Phillips and Mrs. Dora Spearman—all of New York.

Granville O. Paris, funeral directors, were in charge of the funeral arrangements. Interment followed the funeral rites in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

# Bob Slater Passes Away After Long Stage Career

NEW YORK, June 21.—Robert "Bob" Samuel Slater, well known member of the theatrical profession for two generations, died on June 20 at the Presbyterian hospital. Funeral services were held on June 23 at Granville O. Paris' funeral parlors on W. 131st St.

Mr. Slater, who was born in New Orleans on June 22, 1869, left home when a lad with Dr. Lee Cooper's medicine show, a popular entertainment in those days. He later came to New York where he formed a partnership with the late Bert Murphy. They became famous on the Orpheum, Keith and Proctor, and other circuits of that time. His next partner was Henry Williams, and the act became as popular as the first one. His last partner was Fred Rogers, who is now residing in New Haven, Conn.

After retiring from vaudeville, Mr. Slater established the vaudeville agency by and for our performers and was also the founder and organizer of the Colored Vaudeville Benevolent association, the first organization of its kind. He later managed the Ruby theater in Louisville. He was also manager of the Race musical comedy company to play in Cuba.

The veteran performer was known on and off the stage by thousands and was loved by them for his many kind deeds. His last effort in behalf of performers was the discussion between the RKO chiefs and officers of the CVBA concerning the ill-conduct of our performers working RKO houses.

His last appearance behind the footlights was with Johnny Hines on the screen in the "Brown Derby." Mr. Slater leaves his mother, wife, daughter, son and two brothers to mourn his passing.



# ALEX ROGERS, SONG WRITER, PLAYWRIGHT, DIES SUDDENLY FOLLOWING A HEART ATTACK

*Age 9-20-30*  
*New York, N.Y.*  
Wrote Many Song Hits For Late Bert  
Williams; Author of Nearly 2,000  
Songs and Many Comedies

Alexander Claude Rogers, known to thousands in the theatrical world as "Alex," died suddenly as the result of a heart attack Sunday morning, September 14, at his home, 386 Cumberland street, Brooklyn. He was fifty-four years old.

Although practically retired the past ten years, Mr. Rogers won fame early in the present century as a song-writer and playwright. He was author of the words for nearly 2,000 songs. He was best known for the four Williams and Walker shows, "In Dahomey," "Abyssinia," "Bandana Land" and "Lode of Koal," all of which had a tremendous vogue during the first decade of the century.

## Wrote for Bert Williams

When the late Bert Williams joined Ziegfeld's Follies in 1910, Rogers wrote many of the song-hits that Bert sang for the thousands who witnessed the Follies. He also collaborated with Will Marion Cook in the writing of "Swing Along" and "Exhortation," two of the numbers Nora Bayes helped to popularize.

Born in Nashville, Tenn., on September 4, 1876, Mr. Rogers went to Philadelphia with a minstrel show at the age of 18. Although he had only a grammar school education, he was from childhood intensely interested in reading, and perused all the books he could find, especially good poetry. Almost immediately after he joined the minstrel show as a quartet singer, he began writing lyrics of his own, to any available tune he could find.

## Met Williams and Walker

In 1902 he met Bert Williams and George Walker, then a rising young vaudeville team which had just come East from the Pacific Coast. The meeting was one that proved fruitful for all three, as shortly after that "In Dahomey" was produced at the old Park Theatre, and George Walker came out and sang "Bon Bon Buddy, the Chocolate Drop—That's Me" which Rogers and Williams had written.

"In Dahomey," whose libretto and comedy material Mr. Rogers had supplied, was a tremendous success, and after playing to capacity houses for a season in New York, toured the country and then went to Shaftesbury Theatre in London for another year. The show was as popular in England as it had been in America, and on the birthday of the present Prince of Wales the entire cast was invited to a lawn party at Buckingham Palace.

## Made a Mason In England

Mr. Rogers traveled with all of the four Williams and Walker shows that he wrote and in 1904 married Miss Lavinia Day, a member of the cast. That year he and Williams and Walker were initiated in Waverly Lodge, No. 597, of the Order of Freemasons in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Walker died in 1907, and Williams carried on alone, still singing the songs that he and Mr. Rogers wrote. Probably, better than any one before or since, these

two succeeded in capturing the delightful pathetic-comic humor of their race.

After the death of the late Bert Williams, Mr. Rogers collaborated with C. Luckyeth Roberts in writing several shows which were produced by Lester A. Walton at the Lafayette Theatre. Among this group were "This and That" and "Baby Blues", of which Mr. Rogers wrote both the book and lyrics, while Mr. Roberts wrote the music.

When Mr. Walton was appointed chairman of the entertainment committee for colored draftees at Camp Upton, he named Alex Rogers and Will Marion Cook as his assistants. They staged minstrels and gave many concerts for the entertainment of the colored soldiers.

## Four New Musical Comedies

In collaboration with C. Luckyeth Roberts, Mr. Rogers had just completed four unnamed musical comedies shortly before his death.

"Nobody" since Paul Laurence Dunbar was as good as Alex Rogers at writing Negro dialect and capturing the spirit of his race in his work," said Will Marion Cook, in paying tribute to his friend. "And besides having been a great writer, Alex Rogers was one of the most lovable personalities it was ever my privilege to have known. He was a fine man and a fine friend. His death is a great loss to his race," concluded Mr. Cook.

Surviving are his wife, two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Joe Snow and Miss Ida Day, and a brother-in-law, George Ellis.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p. m., from the house of Rev. George Frazier Miller, pastor of St. Augustine P. E. Church, officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn.

# DEATH CLAIMS SONG WRITER FOR FAMOUS WILLIAMS & WALKER

*Brooklyn, N.Y.*  
Brooklyn Man Wrote Words for Tunes Which  
Thrilled America and Europe—Began  
Career at 18 as Minstrel Singer

Alexander C. Rogers, prolific song writer, playwright and contemporary of Williams and Walker, will go to his grave tomorrow after funeral services are conducted at his home, 386 Cumberland street, Brooklyn.

The acknowledged dean of Negro playwrights and song verse makers died Sunday morning when overcome by a heart attack at home. The Rev. George Frazier Miller, rector of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, will read the Episcopal service for the deceased writer.

Harlem's old-time actors, some of whom cavorted a quarter-century ago in Rogers' plays, will pay him tribute tomorrow before the procession takes him to Evergreen Cemetery. They remember him as the writer-author of "In Dahomey," "Abyssinia," "Bandana Land" and "Mr. Lode of Koal." They remember how Broadway and the rest of the nation chuckled as Williams and Walker convulsed their audiences with these four famous musical comedies, which smacked of comic opera.

## Wrote Many Songs

Nearly 2,000 songs came from the pen of Alex Rogers. One of these famous tunes was "Bon Bon Buddy, Chockalut Drop." Another tinged with pathos was "Nobody." Others remembered today by the more advanced generation are "Why Adam Sinned," "Swing Along," "Exhortation" and "I May Be Crazy, but I Ain't No Fool."

Not only did the playwright make verses and plots for his own race, but he also wrote "The Robin and the Rose" for Nora Bayes and "Tragedy in a Garden," "Complaining," and "Happy" for Mollie Williams.

"Elder Eatmore's Sermons," made famous by Bert Williams, were written by Rogers, and he wrote radio material for Moran and Mack in later years.

## Began : Minstrel

Alex Rogers was born in Nashville, Tenn., September 4, 1876. He joined

a minstrel show at the age of eighteen and came North. Soon after becoming a member of the troupe he was making a place for himself in the quartet and writing lyrics for the singers.

The writer met Bert Williams and George Walker in 1902. Williams was a musician with a flair for composing tunes, and Rogers had plenty of verse in his mind, although he was only a grammar-school graduate.

After Williams and Walker became famous, Mr. Rogers travelled with the shows he wrote for them. Their "In Dahomey" thrilled America for months and was taken to London, where it remained at the Shaftesbury Theatre for a year. The Prince of Wales, then a youngster, had the pleasure of receiving the entire cast as his guests at a birthday party at Buckingham Palace.

## Became Scotch Masons

So famed were Rogers, Williams and Walker abroad that the Waverly Lodge of Freemasons in Edinburgh, Scotland, initiated the three.

After the death of George Walker in 1907 Rogers continued to write for Bert Williams. He also collaborated on many songs with Will Marion Cook, noted director and composer.

Rogers is survived by Mrs. Rogers and a sister, Mrs. Lavinia Ellis.



# Dr. Jonah Emanuel, Chiropodist, Dies

Deceased Practiced Here  
in Profession for  
45 Years

Funeral services were held yesterday at St. Marks' M. E. Church for Dr. Jonah Emanuel, chiropodist, 252 West 100th street, who died on Saturday at the New York Hospital. The Rev. J. W. Robinson, pastor of St. Mark's conducted the service.

Dr. Emanuel was born Sept. 9, 1838, at Bibb County, Ga., the son of Benjamin and Millie Emanuel. His parents soon moved to Arkansas, where he received his early education in the public schools. In 1880 they settled in Bedford, N. Y. 1-15-30

In 1882 he became a resident of New York City, where he attended evening high school. The youth was first employed at the Windsor Hotel, during which time he began the study of chiropody. After completing the course he began practicing in 1884. New York, N.Y.

He had been practicing chiropody forty-five years and was one of the organizers of the Podic Society of the State of New York, and had the distinction of having been the first podiatrist honored with a life membership during active practice in this branch of medicine.

He was a chartered member, chaplain and vice-president of the New York County Podic Society as well as a life member of the National Association of Chiropodists. One of the first contributors to the Chiropody School of America, Dr. Emanuel was a staunch supporter and an honorary clinician of the First Institute of Podiatry in New York City.

He was a life member of the National Business Men's League; a faithful member, class leader and steward of St. Mark's M. E. Church in New York City.

Dr. Emanuel is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella Emanuel; three daughters, Gussie, Blanche, and Louise, of New York; three brothers, Abraham and Christopher, both of White Plains; and Dr. William Emanuel, chiropodist, of Chicago.

## Chas. K. Ovington, Friend to Race, Dead

Charles K. Ovington, 73, brother to Miss Mary White Ovington, chairman of the board of directors of the N. A. A. C. P., died Thursday, January 9, at his home, 64 East 88th street, of Septicemia. New York, N.Y.  
Mr. Ovington was one of the earliest members of the N. A. A. C. P., and his name is engraved on the bronze life membership tablet unveiled at the last annual meeting of that body. Mrs. Ovington, who survives, is also a life member.

## WILLIAM TALBERT DIES IN BUFFALO

Telegram to The New York Age. Buffalo, N. Y.—William H. Talbert, prominent citizen of this city, passed away on Monday, January 20, at 11.30 a. m. 1-25-30

The deceased was numbered among Buffalo's most prominent colored citizens and was a member of one of the oldest families in New York State.

Mr. Talbert leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, daughter and granddaughter. He was the former husband of the late Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, former president of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

## Mrs. Jennie Kinckle's Funeral Services Held

Following funeral services Saturday at St. Philip's P. E. Church, 214 West 134th street, where the Rev. Shelton P. Bishop officiated, Mrs. Jennie Kinckle, widow of a Savannah, Ga., attorney, John Kinckle, was buried at Flushing Cemetery.

Mrs. Kinckle was the mother of Miss Mae Kinckle, girls' worker of the Social Service Federation Community House at Englewood, N. J., and aunt by marriage of Eugene Kinckle Jones, executive secretary of the National Urban League. A son, Edmund Kinckle, who is a student of Wilberforce, is another close survivor.

Death came to Mrs. Kinckle early Thursday morning at St. Joseph's

Hospital, the Bronx, where she had been confined six months for tuberculosis. She formerly lived at 574 St. Nicholas avenue, but the apartment was closed when her illness necessitated her going to the hospital.

## Bob Cole's Widow Dies in New York

NEW YORK, March 4.—Mrs. Stella Wiley Cole of 159 W. 118th St., wife of the late Bob Cole, well-known theatrical man, passed away last week. Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Cole was sick less than an hour with a heart attack. She had showed no sign of illness. Mrs. Cole was known by her maiden name, Wiley, on the stage, and she was a well-known dancer during the time of Cole and Johnson.

The services were held on Monday, the assistant pastor of Abyssinian Baptist church, Rev. H. S. Hill, officiated. Interment held in Woodlawn cemetery.

Her family came from Joplin, Mo., where she spent her younger days, to attend the funeral here.

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## MAY 2 - 1930 KELSEY FUNERAL RITES TO-MORROW

Will Be at Llewellyn Park  
Home in West Orange

BANKER ILL FOUR DAYS  
Helped Organize Title Guarantee and Trust Co.

Funeral services for Clarence H. Kelsey, Chairman of the Board of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, who died Tuesday night of pneumonia, will be held at 3 P. M. to-morrow at his home in Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N. J. Mr. Kelsey was seventy-one and had been ill only four days.

Mr. Kelsey was born in Bridgeport,

Conn., and was graduated from Yale University in 1878, delivering the valedictory oration for his class. He attended Hamilton Law School and was admitted to the bar in New York City in 1880 and practiced two years. In 1882 he assisted in the organization of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company and served as President for thirty-two years, becoming Chairman of the board in January, 1923.

He had served as a member of the Yale Corporation and was a member of the University Finance Committee and a director of the alumni fund. He also was a member of the Council and Executive Committee of New York University and recently was elected to succeed his classmate and intimate friend, William Howard Taft, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hampton Industrial Institute. A few years ago he served as Chairman of the committee of the Hampton-Tuskegee Endowment Fund which raised \$5,000,000 to meet the conditions of a \$10,000,000 gift by George Eastman.

He also was Chairman of the Board of the Bond and Mortgage Guaranty Company, Vice President of the City Real Estate Company, and a director of the Corn Exchange Bank, Corn Products Refining Company, Home Insurance Company, United States Life Insurance Company, Thompson-Starrett Company, Westchester Title and Trust Company and the Consolidated Gas Company. Until recently he had been a director also of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Tomlinson Kelsey, three sons, Steven T., Courtland and John F. Kelsey, and two sisters, the Misses Louise H. and Annie Kelsey.

## MAJOR W. H. JACKSON, WAR VETERAN, DIES

Negro Officer Who Had Fought  
in Spanish-American and World  
Conflicts Retired in 1927.

Major William Hubert Jackson, U. S. A. retired, Negro Veteran of the war with Spain and the World War, died Tuesday night of pneumonia at St. Luke's Hospital after a ten-day illness. He was 66 years old. He left a wife, an 18-year-old son, Hubert, a student at Lincoln University, and a sister, Mrs. Alfred Rivers of Los Angeles. The body will lie in State in the 369th Regiment Armory 143d Street and Lennox Avenue, from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M. tomorrow.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the St. James Presbyterian Church, 141st Street and St. Nicholas Avenue. There will be a military escort of Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the entire First Battalion of the 369th Infantry. Burial will be in the National Cemetery at Cypress Hills.

Major Jackson was a graduate of the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University. After serving in the Sixth Massachusetts Infantry, he went to Cuba as Captain of Company H of the Forty-eighth United States Volunteers. He also served in the Philippines and in Porto Rico during the war with Spain. In the World War he rose to the rank of Major. In 1927 he retired from the Army. For the last three years he had been appointment clerk in the office of the President of the Borough of Manhattan.

## Widow of Late Jim Europe Passes Away

Mrs. Willa Angron Europe, the widow of the late James Reese Europe, famous bandmaster, died Tuesday, May 20, at 2 P. M. following an illness of several months.

Since the death of her husband in 1919, the late Mrs. Europe made her home with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzherbert Howell, 215 West 13th street. She had been for many years employed as a manicurist in a large white establishment downtown. Her health began failing about six months ago and despite the best of medical care, she grew gradually worse.

## Famous Negro Lawyer Is Dead at New York

NEW YORK, June 6.—(AP)—Rufus L. Perry, negro lawyer, whose career brought him international prominence, died today at his home in Brooklyn. He was 60 years old.

At various times he ran for office on the democratic ticket, although subsequently he turned socialistic. In 1895 he became an assistant district attorney.

In 1898, backed by politicians, he attempted to gain 1,500 acres on Long Island as a negro township for 6,000 families hailing from Georgia and the Carolinas. Eight years later he created a sensation by buying a house near "millionaires' row" in Brooklyn.

He was a student of French, Sanskrit, and Latin, author of books on Haiti and negroes, a friend of Leo Tolstoy and an orator and musician. When he embraced Judaism in 1911 he was said to have been the first of his race to accept that faith.



# FAMOUS METRO MOVIE STAR CALLED BY DEATH

BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 15—After an unusually brilliant career as a motion picture actor, John Wesley Jenkins, age 71, succumbed here Friday at his home, 416 Cumberland st. Jenkins was an outstanding performer in several successful Famous Players-Lasky, Goldwyn-Metro, Fox and Universal pictures.

John Wesley Jenkins was born at Winchester, Va., in the year 1859.

He went to school in Pittsburgh until he was about 14 years old, then went to work to help his mother and the older children. He was a bootblack in the barber shop at the Monongahela House until he was promoted to bellboy in the same hotel.

He was quite a singer even as a small boy and at the age of 12 organized a quartet of boys then known as the Long Star. They sang together around Pittsburgh until John Wesley was around 15 years of age, when he and his quartet joined the Gotthold & Ryles "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company.

His brother, Robert, turned out to be a phenomenal bass singer, and about this time was a member of the New Orleans University Jubilee Singers, and after John Wesley's season with the Gotthold & Ryles company he joined his brother, with the New Orleans University Singers.

He then formed the Oriole quartet, with Charles Preston, Charles Mahoney, John Hill and himself as members, and for a number of years this quartet played successfully throughout the country, and then joined the Whalen & Martell "South Before the War" company, when he met his wife, and was married on March 17, 1898, at Bloomington, Ill.

From there Jenkins and the Orioles went with "Black America," an organization sponsored by Buffalo Bill and Nate Salisbury.

After this Jenkins organized "The Nashville Students," a big act for vaudeville, under the management of Thurlie & Buckley.

Then for a while he was with Earnest Hogan, "The Unbleached American."

After this he and the late Sam Lucas created the well-known "Bo'de of Education" in Cole & Johnson's "Shoo Fly Regiment," and with these same writers "Red Moon" company Jenkins was one of the famous "Four Bills."

In the late Bert A. Williams' only venture into moving pictures, "A Natural Born Gambler," Jenkins was principal support as "Brother

Gardner." Then for a while Jenkins was with Eddie Leonard in one of Leonard's big vaudeville acts.

Since 1911 Jenkins has played principal character parts in numerous big pictures for Vitagraph, Cosmopolitan, Distinctive, Inspiration, Kenmar, Famous Players-Lasky, Ralph Ince, Selznick, Metro, William Fox, Biograph, World Film, Universal, Delsarte, Goldwyn, J. E. Williamson.

## John Wesley Johnson

THE DEATH of John Wesley Johnson, vicar of St. Cyprian's Chapel, removes one of New York's tireless community workers. It is twenty-five years since he was chosen by the New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society to do missionary work among the Negroes of New York. In 1904 the district known as San Juan Hill, between West Fifty-ninth and West Sixty-fourth streets, was inhabited by thousands of colored people; it was known as the most thickly populated district in the entire world.

Reverend Johnson founded the St. Cyprian mission on Sixty-third street and spent the rest of his life there. The social work of the community, the Columbus Hill day nursery, the playground and other activities grew from St. Cyprian's. The Rev. John Wesley Johnson died with the greatest satisfaction that can come to any man—he had made his part of the world a better place to live in.

# OFFICER OF '369TH' DIES

NEW YORK, May 15—May 15—(A. N. P.)—Maj. William H. Jackson, formerly of the 369th Infantry, died at his home here Tuesday night following a brief illness with pneu-

## Colorful Procession Bears Veteran Of Two Wars to Last Resting Place

### Harlem's Thousands Watch as Military Organizations Accord Honors to Former Officer and Boston University Man

With all the dignity and military color due one of his rank, Major William Hubert Jackson, 55, retired army officer and veteran of the conflict with Spain and the World War, was borne to his grave Friday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at St. James' Presbyterian Church, 141st street and St. Nicholas avenue, where the Rev. A. C. Garner, pastor of Grace Congregational Church and chaplain of the 369th Infantry, officiated.

Major Jackson, who lived at 227 West 130th street, died in St. Luke's Hospital May 8 of pneumonia following an illness of about ten days. Born in West Virginia, Major Jackson was taken by his mother when still an infant to Worcester, Mass., where he received his early education. He later attended Boston University and was graduated from the Liberal Arts College of that institution.

Upon the completion of his education he joined Company "L" of the Sixth Massachusetts Infantry and was sent to Cuba as commander of Company "H" of the Forty-eighth United States Volunteers, at the outbreak of the war with Spain. During the course of the war he saw distinguished service in Cuba, the Philippines and in Porto Rico, serving as military governor of a town in the latter insular dependency.

Returning to Boston at the close of the war, with the glory of his campaign, Major Jackson, then ranking officer of the 369th Infantry, caused a stir in military circles when he tendered his resignation, due to the fact that he would not be promoted to the next rank, lieutenant colonel, because of his color. At the time he was regarded as the most efficient line officer in the regiment. He was succeeded as senior colored officer of the unit by Dr. Leo Fitz Nealon, who also is confined to his home at present.

Major Jackson enjoyed a brilliant and spectacular career in the regiment. He was one of the veterans of many battles well liked by both his brother officers and the men under his care. He took great pride in the first battalion of the regiment, which he commanded. On more than one occasion he was commended for the splendid showing of the troops entrusted him.

For a number of years he had been employed down town in the

of his friends before the final march to the church began.

His flag-draped casket, mounted on a gun caisson drawn by seven horses and accorded a full military escort, the body of the stricken soldier moved slowly through the streets lined with thousands of spectators on its final journey. In the line of march was the entire First Battalion of the 369th Infantry under the command of Major Andrew F. Lamb, as well as all the officers of the regiment. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Spanish-American War Veterans also were represented by military escorts. The regimental band led the cortege.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. Roger Griffin, Edward Wilson, Dr. Valentine Thomas, Samuel Brown, Silas Brown, Charles Paine, William Singleton, Dr. Gustavus Henderson, Cornelius McDougall, John William Smith, Henri Shields, Abraham Brown and Horace Miller.

"Man of Peace."

The services at the church were as markedly simple as they were beautiful. Dressed in his full regimental uniform of chaplain, Captain Garner, pastor of the Grace Congregational Church, in the absence of the Rev. William Lloyd Innes, pastor of St. James' and Major Jackson's minister, read the obituary, after which he sought to console the bereaved wife and son of the deceased. Major Jackson was characterized by Dr. Garner as "a man of peace, who was ready to fight to preserve that peace."

Assisting Dr. Garner were the Revs. John W. Robinson and William P. Hays. Solos were sung by Clarence Tisdale and the Misses Olive Hopkins and Revella Hughes, accompanied by Dr. Melville Charlton, organist of St. James'. Interment followed the funeral services at the National Cemetery at Cypress Hills, L. I. The military escort followed the soldier to his grave and paid its last tributes there by blowing taps and firing a farewell salute to the warrior.

### Commissioned Major.

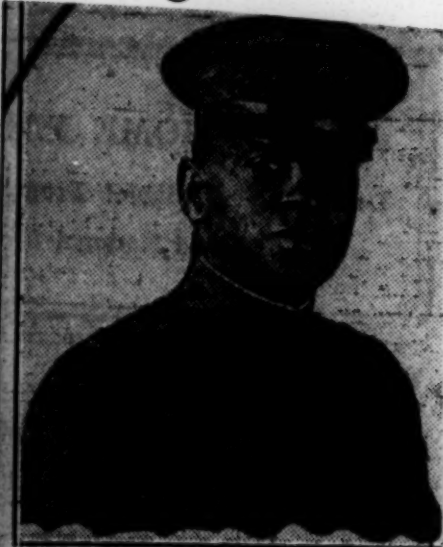
When the United States entered the World War he was commissioned as a major and placed in charge of the World War Community Service, 139th street and Seventh avenue, a post he occupied throughout the conflict. Major Jackson retired from active service in 1927. For the past six years he was appointment clerk in the office of the borough president of Manhattan.

Major Jackson's funeral was one of the most impressive Harlem has seen for a long time. Lying in state at the 369th Infantry Armory, 143d street and Lenox avenue, from 9 a. m. until 1:30 p. m. on Friday, the body was viewed by hundreds of the vet-



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Major WM. H. JACKSON

## MAJOR JACKSON BURIED WITH HIGH MILITARY HONORS

Was Veteran Of Both  
Spanish and World Wars

Major William Hubert Jackson, 56, who died from pneumonia at the St. Luke's Hospital on Tuesday evening, May 6, was buried with high military honors Friday afternoon following funeral services at St. James Presbyterian Church, 141st street and St. Nicholas avenue.

A military escort of Spanish War veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the entire 1st battalion of the 369th Infantry, which he commanded for 7 years, accompanied the remains to the National Cemetery at Cypress Hills, L. I. The body also lay in state at the 369th Infantry Armory from 9 a. m. until the hour for the funeral on Friday. The Rev. A. C. Garner, chaplain of the 369th Infantry, assisted by the Rev. William P. Hayes, pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church, and the Rev. John W. Robinson, pastor of St. Marks' M. E. Church.

Major Jackson was graduated from the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University and began his military career with the 6th Massachu-

setts Regiment. He saw service in the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico during the Spanish American War rising to the rank of Captain of Company H, 48th United States Volunteers while in Cuba.

He also served his country during the World War, but did not get overseas. He was promoted to the rank of Major and gave valuable service to the re-organized 369th Infantry after their return from overseas. He retired from active duty in 1927.

For the past six years Major Jackson was appointment clerk in the office of Borough President Julius Miller of Manhattan. He had the esteem of many city officials.

Major Jackson is survived by his wife, Louise; an 18 year old son, Hubert, who is a student at Lincoln University; and a sister, Mrs. Alfred Rivers of Los Angeles, Cal. Granville O. Paris had charge of the funeral arrangements.

## RUFUS LEWIS PERRY DIES.

Negro Attorney Embraced Jewish Faith Eighteen Years Ago.

Rufus Lewis Perry, Negro attorney, who attracted nation-wide attention eighteen years ago when he embraced the Jewish faith, died yesterday at his home, 1,427 President Street, Brooklyn, after suffering a stroke two weeks ago.

The attorney was born sixty years ago in Brooklyn. His father was a Baptist minister. For some years he was a political leader of Brooklyn Negroes in the Republican ranks. Later he became a Democrat and eight years ago ran for county judge on the Socialist ticket.

## Death Claims Dr. Gustavus Henderson, Who Practiced in New York 39 Years

Churchman and Physician Had Been in Ill Health Since January — Treatment in Hospitals Proved Futile for Veteran

Dr. Gustavus Henderson, 213 West 137th street, died yesterday at 5:00 a. m. at the Edgecombe Sanitarium, 328 West 137th street. Dr. Henderson had been in ill health since January. He was sent on June 2 to the Harlem Hospital, where he remained for three days.

He was later removed to the Bellevue Hospital, where he was treated until June 14, when he returned to his home and resumed his work. On Monday Dr. Henderson was stricken with paralysis and was immediately taken to the Edgecombe Sanitarium, where he was attended by Dr. Allen B. Graves of 202 West 137th street. He remained in a state of coma and semi-coma, sometimes rational, until his death yesterday.

Dr. Henderson was born and reared in New York City. He was educated in the schools here until his final course in Howard University Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1891. He has practiced in New York City ever since his graduation.

Dr. Henderson was the son of the

late William C. Henderson and Mrs. Mary Ann Henderson. He was one of the founders and for a long time president of the Alpha Bowling Club and has been a member of the United Colored Democracy since the days of Chief Edward Lee and Robert Wood. He was at one time a member of the Henry H. Garrett Lodge of Odd Fellows and was a member of the Manhattan Medical Society. He was an active elder in St. James' Presbyterian Church for twenty years. He established a medical aid society in that church, which he named for his mother, the Mary Ann Medical Society.

Dr. Henderson is survived by a wife, Mrs. Mary C. Henderson, formerly of Washington, D. C., and one son, Dr. William C. Henderson, a practicing physician of Dayton, Ohio. Funeral plans will not be complete

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## RABBI SILVERMAN OF EMANU-EL DIES

In Emeritus Post Since 1922;  
Ordained 46 Years Ago

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman, rabbi emeritus of the Temple Emanu-El since 1922, and for many years one of the most prominent men in Jewish affairs in the United States, died yesterday at his home, No. 55 East 86th Street, following an illness of four weeks. He was sixty-nine and had been a rabbi for forty-six years.

On March 4, 1928, on the occasion of his fortieth anniversary in the ministry of Temple Emanu-El, Dr. Silverman was the guest of honor at a reception at which distinguished rabbis of both the Orthodox and the Reform faith, Christian ministers, fellow lodge officers and a large company of the laity gathered to pay him tribute. He was presented at that time with a life-sized oil portrait of himself.

Born in Cincinnati, Aug. 25, 1860, Dr. Silverman attended the University of Cincinnati, being graduated in 1883 with the A. B. degree. Later he attended the Hebrew Union College, receiving the D. D. degree in 1887. In 1924 New York University conferred on him the degree of doctor of Hebrew literature.

Dr. Silverman was ordained a rabbi in 1884 and his first charge was as minister of the Temple Emanu-El in Dallas, Tex., where he served a year before being called to the Temple Israel in Galveston.

When only twenty-eight Dr. Silverman was called to Temple Emanu-El, this city, when the congregation was worshipping in the edifice at Fifth Avenue and 43d Street, which was razed late in 1927. On the death of Dr. Gustav Gotheil he became rabbi of the congregation, a post he relinquished after serving thirty-four years.

Before coming to New York, however, Dr. Silverman was a circuit minister throughout the South and Southwest, and his efforts there led to the establishment of synagogues in that part of the country.

Dr. Silverman was the fourth rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, which was founded in a room at Clinton and Grand Streets in 1845. His predecessors were Dr. Leo Mersbach, Dr. Samuel Adler and Dr. Gotheil. Upon first coming to the temple

Dr. Silverman served as junior rabbi to Dr. Gotheil, who had founded the Emanu-El Sisterhood. When he assumed full charge of the temple on the death of Dr. Gotheil, Dr. Silverman founded the Emanu-El Brotherhood and, as first President of the organization, did much to stimulate interest in philanthropic work among his co-religionists through the United Hebrew Charities. He also represented his faith in the Council of Religions held in connection with the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893.

Although occupied with the many interests of his important charge, and with the many duties growing out of his philanthropic work, Dr. Silverman found time to write extensively on the worship traditions of his fellow religionists. He was a frequent contributor to leading Jewish and English periodicals, including the American Israelite, the Jewish American, Menorah Journal, the North American Review and the Standard Encyclopedia. He also was the author of a Catechism on Judaism and numerous pamphlets and monographs.

In 1923 he visited Palestine at the request of the Palestine Foundation Fund to investigate first hand the development of the country and to make a survey of the constructive enterprises fostered by the Palestine fund.

Upon his return early in March, 1924, he wrote a series of articles for newspapers on the tour and also lectured in different parts of the country on the rehabilitation of Palestine.

Dr. Silverman was a former member of the Executive Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was active in the International Peace Forum and held office in numerous local and national Jewish welfare organizations. He was a former Grand Chaplain of the Masons in New York.

Dr. Silverman was married Dec. 5, 1898, to Miss Henrietta Block of Galveston, Tex. They had four children. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10 A. M. in the Temple Emanu-El, No. 1 East 85th Street.

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## SERVICE THURSDAY FOR A. C. ROGERS

Composer of Almost 2,000  
Songs Was Leader Interpreter  
of Negro Race

WROTE 4 FAMOUS SHOWS

Alexander Claude Rogers, fifty-four, Negro lyricist, librettist and actor whose almost 2,000 songs are loved by millions of the Negro and white races, will be buried in Evergreen Cemetery.



Brooklyn, following services at 1 o'clock Thursday at his home, 388 Cumberland Street, Brooklyn. Mr. Rogers died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home.

He was outstanding in his ability to express the whimsical semi-pathos which has typified his race to the world. He is perhaps most famous for the four shows which he wrote for the vaudeville team of Bert Williams and George Walker, "In Dahomey," "Bambanna Land," "Abyssinia" and "Lode of Koal."

"Nobody since Paul Laurence Dunbar was as good as Alex Rogers at writing Negro dialect and capturing the spirit of his race in his work," Will Marion Cooke, Negro composer for whom he wrote many songs, said of him. "When he wrote the Williams and Walker shows more than twenty years ago Negro comedy was at its height, and he was its genius."

"Negro shows nowadays have degenerated into mere imitations of white shows, but the shows that Alex wrote for Williams and Walker were true pictures of the Negro race."

"And besides having been a great writer, Alex Rogers was one of the most lovable personalities it was ever my privilege to have known. He was a fine man and a fine friend. His loss is a great loss to his race."

He was born in Nashville, Tenn., and when only eighteen and equipped with only a grammar school education, he went to Philadelphia with a minstrel show. Almost immediately he began writing lyrics. Eight years later he met Williams and Walker, who had just come East from the Pacific Coast.

"Bon Bon Buddy, the Chockalut Drop, That's Me," a song by Mr. Rogers in "In Dahomey," brought the first great success the team had ever known. Playing Mr. Rogers's shows, the pair soon achieved nation-wide fame.

He was the author of much of the material which Moran and Mack broadcast, and just before he died wrote four unnamed musicals with C. Luckeyeth ("Lucky") Roberts, composer and orchestra leader.

## TAKE HANDCUFF FROM PRISONER, SUICIDE; HAD TWO WIVES, WHITE

*New York Age*  
**Levi Spaulding, Oldest and Only Negro Officer, Falls on Duty**  
*New York, N.Y.*

Ithaca, N. Y.—Levi M. Spaulding, 58 years old, one of the oldest and most popular officers in the Ithaca Police Department, died in police headquarters on Thursday, September 11, as he was unlocking the handcuffs which had been placed on the hands of George "Curley" Barnes, a Negro wife murderer, who had just been arrested after an all-night vigil on part of the whole police force.

Mr. Spaulding, the only colored officer on the force, was appointed October 12, 1919, and succeeded to No. 1 badge on retirement of Patrolman William Curtis several months ago. Prior to that time he operated a barber shop.

Patrolman Spaulding had engaged in the hunt for Barnes, who had killed his wife, Mrs. Alice Martin Barnes, from whom he was separated, with an axe on Tuesday evening, September 9, in the home of her mother, Mrs. Cora Martin, 204 Cleveland avenue. It was an unusual coincidence that this property was owned by Patrolman Spaulding.

### Falls To Floor

When Barnes was arrested Thursday morning, he was taken to police headquarters in Spaulding's automobile, chained to two officers. Standing in front of the desk, Spaulding was unlocking the handcuffs, when suddenly he handed the key to Desk Sergeant John McCarthy with the plea, "For God's sake get me out of here." Before any aid could be given, he sunk to the floor.

Brother officers took him to a back room, and gave him first aid. Police Surgeon John Warren was hastily summoned but reached headquarters just as the stricken officer died.

Mr. Spaulding was a member of the Spaulding family which originally came from Savannah, Ga., and is survived by Mrs. Spaulding, the widow, of 501 West Green street; a brother, William A. Spaulding of New York City, and a sister, Mrs. Haggie Scarlett of Newark, N. J. He was an intimate friend of William H. DesVerney, of 150 West 131st street.

## HARLEM LAWYER SUICIDE; HAD TWO WIVES, WHITE

*Chicago American*  
**J. D. Wetmore's Father was White Florida Contractor and Builder**  
*4-9-30*

*Spokane*  
**FIRST WIFE, JEWESS Second, Texas Nurse, Bore Two Children.**

NEW YORK. — The remains of Judson Douglas Wetmore, prominent lawyer, were cremated here after he had committed suicide, ending a life of sixty years, during the latter part of which he passed for white.

The tragedy which took place in the bathroom of his country home on Indian Head Road, Greenwich, is blamed on financial difficulties. The lawyer shot himself in the left breast with a .38-calibre revolver.

He died at Greenwich Hospital about 7:30 p.m. on the same evening after telling Medical Examiner Clarke that he was worried and tired of life.

Mr. Wetmore's health had been impaired for some time and it is said that he attempted to take his life some time ago by preparing to jump off a bridge when he was stopped by police officers who put him in a taxi and took him home.

### Born in Florida

Mr. Wetmore was born in Tallahassee, Fla., and was the son of the late George W. Wetmore, white, contractor and builder. He received his early education at Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Fla. Graduated from Atlanta University with an A.B. degree.

Following the completion of his college course, Mr. Wetmore returned to Jacksonville as principal of the South Jacksonville High School, a position he held for five years.

While teaching, Mr. Wetmore became very much interested in politics and was sent to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to the University of Michigan, to study law by Napoleon Broward, governor of Florida. He received his degree of bachelor of laws from

that institution, June, 1898.

### Ran for Office

He again returned to his home in Jacksonville, ran against his father

for city council and was elected, serving five years as a member of the fire committee. In 1903 he came to New York City where he was admitted to the bar the following year, and has successfully practiced law up until the time of his death.

Mr. Wetmore married as white twice. He had one daughter by his first wife, a Jewess, who later married a millionaire.

His second wife is white and is a native of Texas where she was a nurse. He has two children, Francis Wetmore, 8 years old, and J. D., Jr., age 6; two brothers, Dr. Ernest Wetmore of Morristown, N.J., and George Wetmore of New York City.

## RICH LAWYER SUICIDE; PASSED FOR WHITE

*Chicago American*  
*7-28-30*  
NEW YORK (By Wire)—J. D. Wetmore, 60, a lawyer, shot himself with a .38-calibre revolver, dying soon after. He told physicians who were summoned that he was worried and was tired.

Mr. Wetmore had offices at 1440 Broadway, a home on Indian Head Road and another on Riverside Drive. His wife is white and the most of his white associates never knew he was colored.

## Gabriel of Green Pastures, Prize Play, Given Long Harlem Funeral

BY LORENA HICKOK.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(P)—In Harlem, where they refer to the 1930 Pulitzer prize play not by its title but simply as "The Company," funeral services were conducted today for the big, genial black man whose own people months ago dropped his real name and called him Gabriel, the role he played.

More than 1,000 persons filled the pews and packed the aisles of one of the negro section's largest churches, where for two hours and a half eulogies were read, hymns were sung and rituals intoned over the body of Charles Wesley Hill, the "Angel Gabriel" of "Green Pastures," Marc Connelly's drama of the negro's conception of heaven. Hill was killed by a taxicab Wednesday.

The man who plays the role of Jehovah in "Green Pastures," Richard B. Harrison—looking somehow shrunken and much older today than he did a few months ago across the stage of the Mansfield theater with a voice, that sometimes broke with grief a tribute to "God's right hand man," who helped to create a Broadway success by ushering him onto the stage of the Mansfield theater with a joyous, stentorian command:

"Gangway! Gangway for he Lawd God Jehovah!"  
Daniel L. Haynes, one of the best known actors of his race and the "Adam" of the play, was master of

leading the huge audience, every man, woman and child of which could apparently sing, again and again filled the auditorium with the melodies of the old hymns, "Lead, Kindly Light," "Abide With Me," "Nearer, My God, to Thee." And while white members of the audience sat with rapt expressions on their faces, negroes here and there would utter wild, piercing screams.

But more moving than all was the brief and broken tribute of Harrison, "The Lawd God Hissell," to "His right hand man."

"No one could ever be angry with 'Gabe' very long," he said. "After all, he just fingered his trumpet in the play—he never did blow it. No one in the theater was more liked than 'Gabe'."

Then he told how the pickaninnies of the first act used to come into "Gabriel's" dressing room to get the candy that he brought them when they were good cherubs.

"You can imagine," he said slowly, "the consternation of the whole cast and myself when we learned that the last curtain had come for our friend and co-worker, Gabriel."

It remained for the younger Haynes to say farewell for "Gabriel's" associates in "Green Pastures." At the end of a recital of Hill's achievements in the theater, Haynes bowed his head and murmured in a voice that could hardly be heard beyond the chancel rail:

"Good-by, old man!"

ceremonies and at the end of the long service the negro players—led by the little black cherub who gets a fish bone stuck in his throat at the heavy only fish fry of the first act—filed tearfully by the casket.

Marc Connelly occupied a place of honor in the pulpit, with Harrison Haynes and several negro preachers while down in a block of pews reserved for them sat the entire staff of the producer and of the theater in which "Green Pastures" is playing together with a number of men and women prominently identified with the stage.

But most of the mourners were of the dead actor's own race and at times the service was as typically negroed perhaps as "Green Pastures" itself is said to be. On the whole it was a strange, stirring mixture of primitive emotion, naivete and love of color and ceremony with the religious of an older, northern people.

There were long and fiery orations, Masonic rituals, with uniforms, swords and incense and a sort of childlike expression of satisfaction in the success of their own "Gabriel" in a drama with an all-negro cast.

The whole service was conducted in terms of "Green Pastures." Hill was never mentioned by any name other than "Gabriel" except in the formal, ritualistic ceremonies.  
Two large choirs—the white-robed choir of the church and the choir that sings the spirituals in the play—



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North Carolina.

## Dr. James Ulysses Turner Dies After Long Illness

*Defender*  
*Chicago*  
[Chicago Defender Press Service]  
HENDERSON, N. C., June 23.—Funeral services for Dr. James Ulysses Turner, food inspector, and for more than 30 years an employee in the health department of Chicago, were held here, with interment in Blackmalls cemetery, at a few miles from the birthplace of his father, Richard Turner.

Dr. Turner was stricken last November and was treated at St. Luke's hospital. His physician advised him to go South for his health, but his condition remained unchanged.

Born in Crawford county, Arkansas, in 1869, he received his education in the public schools and Philadelphia Smith college. He was a graduate of DePauw university, Greencastle Ind.; post-graduate, Chicago university; taught languages at Marshall university, and entered the service of the health department of the city of Chicago when young Carter Harrison was elected mayor. He was a member of Moody Memorial church, 1630 Clark St.

His wife, Emma G. Turner, died seven years ago, after which he made his home at the Wabash Ave. Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Turner was admitted to the bar in the state of Illinois and was associated in the practice of law, having worked on several important cases with Attorney Henry W. Hammond, Chicago. He was also one of the principal holders in Restvale cemetery.

## Dean W. S. Turner Of Shaw University Passes December 12

Dean W. S. Turner, who has been teaching at Shaw University for seven years, ended his work last Friday, December 12. He conducted chapel exercises on that day and made his last public address to Shaw and the student body, and from that day he felt himself giving way, and on Monday morning he became unconscious and that night, about 8 o'clock, he fell on sleep.

Dean Turner had many friends. All who knew him seemed to love him, for he was friendly toward all. All of the students loved him and were very painfully hurt over his sudden leaving of them. They say that they will miss him greatly.

The Baptist brotherhood will miss him. They were always ready to welcome him in their midst, and his words were listened to with interest and rapt attention.

The funeral was held Wednesday, at 3 o'clock from the First Baptist Church, of which he was a member.

The service began with singing of "Deep River" as they marched in, and "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go." Hymn No. 602, "How Firm a Foundation." Scripture lesson by Rev. J. D. Flynn, 24th and 90th Psalms. Hymn No. 674, "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand." Prayer by Rev. A. B. Johnson. Resolutions read by Dr. Benjamin Brawley. Prof. W. C. Craver read a few of the many telegrams to the wife and family. They were very sympathetic and consoling. Dr. J. L. Peacock made remarks and spoke of how much he will miss him, mentioning his helpfulness and devotion and loyalty, closing with a lovely prayer. Rev. M. W. Williams spoke of his sympathetic understanding of men, both young and elderly. Also of his last service out of the city at Springfield, Auburn, N. C.

The choir sang very feelingly "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

Dr. O. S. Bullock preached a short but very timely sermon from II Samuel 3:38: "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" While others spoke of Professor Turner as dean of education and a scholar, Dr. Bullock spoke of him as a brother: He was approachable, interested in his Church and its welfare, and was deeply spiritual. Dr. Bullock urged the young people to study his life and emulate his example.

Dr. C. F. Meserve spoke of how long and well he knew Professor Turner, and that he believed in hard work and service.

The student body remembered Professor Turner's last message to them in which he urged them to think more seriously of their work. The presidents and vice-presidents of the classes at Shaw served as active pallbearers to his final resting place.

## EDUCATION LOSES LEADER IN DEATH OF DEAN WM. S. TURNER OF SHAW U.

*Journal and Guide*  
*Norfolk Va.*  
Veteran Professor Of Famous Raleigh Institution Succumbs In His Forty-Eighth Year

Raleigh, N. C.—Dean William S. Turner of Shaw University died Monday evening, December 15, at 8:30 o'clock. Services were held at the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, Wednesday afternoon, December 17, at 3 o'clock. Several selections were rendered by the chorus of Shaw University under the direction of Mrs. Abbie W. Logan. The sermon was by Dr. Bullock from the text "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" (II Samuel, 3:38).

The obituary and faculty resolutions were read by Dr. Benjamin Brawley and other resolutions and telegrams by W. C. Craver. There were also brief addresses by President J. L. Peacock of Shaw University, Dr. C. F. Meserve, former President at Shaw, and Rev. M. W. Williams, moderator of the Wake Baptist Association. Interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery in Raleigh.

William S. Turner was born September 1, 1882, the son of William and Mary Turner. After early days spent in Walnut Cove, N. C., he attended the Slater school in Winston-Salem and the A. and T. College in Greensboro. He then matriculated at Shaw University, where he was graduated in 1910 with the degrees of bachelor of arts and bachelor of theology.

He continued his studies at the University of Chicago, from which institution he received the degree of master of arts in 1913. He frequently returned to the university in the summer for further study. He was married first to Dora Barbour, of New Bern, and after her death on January 6, 1923, he was married, on August 5, 1924, to Minnie B. Davis of the class of 1923 at Shaw University.

After brief service in Y. M. C. A. work, he became a teacher at Shaw University, and for the last seventeen years he was professor of the social sciences and for the last eight and a half years also dean of the college. For several years he was director of the Shaw Summer School, and for the year 1929-30 president of the Negro State Teachers' Association. In the autumn of 1929 he left for a year of study at the University of Chicago, but becoming seriously ill returned home at midyear.

In the autumn of the present year he resumed his work at Shaw University, and as late as last Friday, December 12, he led the chapel service, urging the students to give more attention to the serious things of life.

He leaves his wife, two brothers, and three sisters. Ever did he impress all who knew him by his earnestness, his avoidance of all that was superficial, and the simplicity of his stalwart Christian character.



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# Dr. I. Garland Penn Passes On

**D**R. I. GARLAND PENN died Tuesday, July 22, 1930, at Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, and was interred in his home city Friday, July 25, after a befitting funeral at Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church.

His death removes from active service one of the most prominent laymen in the ranks of the Negro race in this country, and one of the most widely known officials in the church. The public knew him so generally by reason of his active, assertive personality and by his long period of years in the service of the public. His labors and achievements were in the field of civics and of the church. 8-7-30

A strong ambition was one of his native propensities. He early entered the educational field, and after his graduation from high school at Lynchburg, Va., filled the principalship of a high school in Lynchburg from 1886 to 1895. Seeking to serve his race in a more conspicuous way he accepted the position of commissioner of Negro Exhibits for the Cotton States Exposition in Atlanta, Ga., in the fall of 1895. It was at this time that he became intimately acquainted with the late Booker T. Washington, which association grew into a friendship between them that lasted till the death of Mr. Washington.

*Cincinnati, Ohio.*  
Taking notice of his leadership qualities, his church now called him into its work among young people. Under Dr. Joseph F. Berry, of the Epworth League, young Penn was elected assistant general secretary of that organization and promoted that work vigorously throughout the twenty colored Conferences to which he was assigned. Here he served the church faithfully until 1912, when the General Conference of that year elected him to the position of corresponding secretary of the Board of Education for Negroes of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For three quadrenniums Dr. Penn held that office until the General Conference of 1924 consolidated the general benevolences of the church, effecting a merger of all the educational interests of the denomination into the Board of Education. That board retained Dr. Penn as one of the departmental heads of its department of education for Negroes until the 1928 General Conference, following which he was designated by the board to promote endowments among Negro schools. His last assignment was as promoter of the Wiley College Endowment.

At the General Conference in Kansas City, Dr. Penn was the senior member of that body. He had enjoyed a

continuous membership during nine General Conferences. He entered freely into the deliberations and enjoyed membership and participation in the proceedings and debates of the powerful committees of that body. Among his writings are two books of merit: "The Afro-American Press" and "The United Negro." Rust College, at Holly Springs, bestowed on him the "M.A." degree and Wiley College, at Marshall, Texas, that of "Litt.D." Of these colleges he was a trustee, as well as of Gammon Theological Seminary and Clark University.

Dr. Penn was zealously devoted to the interests of his church as he saw them. He was an indefatigable worker in the direction of his convictions. His strenuous life was too taxing on his none-too-strong physical body. Had he been less prodigal with his energies, he probably would have lived a decade longer to give to the church he loved such service as he was capable of rendering. It is noteworthy that one of such limited physical strength as he possessed, and self-made as he was by contacts and courageous diligence, could have wrought as well as did he in the fields of endeavor to which he was called.

Less than sixty days prior to his death his estimable wife, Mrs. Anna Penn, preceded him in death. Their going leaves a number of sorrowing relatives and friends. Six children are among the number—one of these Dr. Irvine G. Penn, Jr., district superintendent of Columbus District, Lexington Conference. Our sympathies, with those of the general church, go out to the sorrowing ones over the loss of this father and public servant.

## I. GARLAND PENN.

*The Union*  
(By W. P. Dabney)  
For The Associated Negro Press.)  
8-21-30  
Cincinnati, Ohio.—(A.N.P.)—Less than a month ago, July 22, 1930, there passed out of my life an individual who entered it in the early thirties. 'Twas at Alleghany Springs, Virginia, that I met the bright enterprising, ambitious I. Garland Penn. A few months later at his home in Lynchburg, Va., the friendship began that survived the many vicissitudes of lives so radiantly different. The church became the guiding star of his existence even before he entered Richmond Theological Institute for political happenings exhibited a God had already blazed for him the breadth that only emanates from a path that he so sedulously followed, the profound and progressive intellectual path illumined by churchly honors, the path fragrant with good wishes of those upon whom the mantle of his family. The domestic worries and kindly charity had fallen. Several troubles that culminated in the death

creditable volumes followed his work on the Negro Press, which was really a most commendable product of his adolescence. In the years that followed, he held many distinguished positions in the great Methodist Episcopal Church and when death called, he was and long had been senior Secretary of Endowments and Field Activities for its Negro Department. Apart from his eminent service on many commissions and committees of Interracial as well as International significance, his record for membership in ten general conferences was probably unprecedented.

His civic responsibilities were never evaded, his knowledge of current and political happenings exhibited a path that he so sedulously followed, the profound and progressive intellectual path illumined by churchly honors, the path fragrant with good wishes of those upon whom the mantle of his family. The domestic worries and kindly charity had fallen. Several troubles that culminated in the death

or his devoted wife, he bore as bravely as he had modestly borne, the many honors that golden years had brought him. We met for the last time several months ago. I said, "Irwin, I now realize that in selecting 'the straight and narrow path' you were far wiser than the rest of us. I am working myself to death while you as a Prince of the Church are gathering naught but roses." He smiled badly as he said, "Phil, every crown has its cross. Jesus had set an example in order that his followers may learn to accept the bitter with the sweet." A few weeks later I sent him some flowers. A few days later, I was on the program for his funeral. The obsequies marked by the simplicity of grandeur, were characterized by the highest honors that a Church could give with its encomium, "well done thou good and faithful servant."



I. GARLAND PENN  
*Afro-American*

CINCINNATI, O.—Dr. I. Garland Penn, for more than a quarter of a century, one of the leading churchmen in the M.E. church, died at his home here, Tuesday. Dr. Penn was born in New Glasgow, Amherst County, Va., October 7, 1867, and after attending public schools in Lynchburg, Va., he finished his education at Rust, where he received the M.A. degree. In 1908 Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, conferred the Litt.D. degree on the churchman. In his busy career Dr. Penn has served as school principal at Lynchburg, assistant general secretary of the Epworth League of the M.E. church, corresponding secretary of the Board of Education for Negroes of the M.E. church, and his present position of educational secretary of the Endowment and Field Promotion Department. He is the author of several books, and in 1905 received a gold medal for the excellence of the Negro exhibit at the Atlanta exposition, which he directed.



# Walker W. Fortner of Cleveland Dead

CLEVELAND, Sept. 26.—Walker W. Fortner, 55, a pioneer resident of Cleveland for 25 years, died suddenly at his home, 9410 Dunlap Ave., from an attack of acute indigestion.

The funeral services were held at the funeral home of which he had been a member a number of years, Rev. William McMorries officiating. A widow, Mrs. Bertha C. Fortner, and other relatives survive him. Interment at Highland Park cemetery. Mr. Fortner had been very active in the civic and political life of this city. He was a most generous.

# ACCIDENT IS FATAL TO PEARL BARBER

*Pittsburgh, Pa.*  
**King of Toledo's Clubmen Dies  
In Arms of White Wife—Re-  
puted to Be Country's Rich-  
est Negro—Career Was Col-  
orful.**

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 26—Fate  
liffled the deck here early Sat-  
urday, and the cards read  
death for Pearl Barber, inter-  
nationally famed clubman and  
reported to be the wealthiest  
Negro in the country.

Injured in an automobile collision  
the 58-year-old philanthropist died  
as he had lived, an enigma to man-  
kind. Death came to him in the  
East Side Hospital, where he died  
in the arms of his pretty white  
wife, formerly prominent in social  
circles here. In death he wore that  
same ineradicable look of disdain  
he always had given society, wheth-  
er it accepted or shunned him. Wil-  
liam Owen, 32, white, driver of the  
automobile which crashed into Bar-  
ber's special \$12,000 car, was held  
on a charge of driving while intoxi-  
cated.

**Colorful Character**  
Although Barber had avoided the

melight in the last ten years, his  
colorful career in other days was re-  
corded in black headlines, and he  
was well known not only in Toledo  
but in sporting circles throughout  
the world.

Barber was different. He believed  
himself superior to the herd, wheth-  
er colored or white. He had a scorn  
for the lout, whether in his own  
race or outside of it. He rejoiced  
in the knowledge they envied him.

He was a curious mixture. He  
was a scholar and a gentleman.

In his palatial mansion at Eagle  
Point colony was a pretty white  
wife and luxurious furnishings.  
Paintings of the masters hung upon  
the walls. Good sets of the best  
writers stood on his shelves. And  
he read them.

Can it be maintained that a man  
for 30 years could weather the so-  
cial and political storms of a big  
city, admittedly at the head of his  
profession, and not have in him the  
perverted strain of genius?

## Scorned Politicians

Years ago Pearl Barber turned  
his back on powerful politicians, but  
they could not drive him out. He  
outsmarted them. Sometimes the  
law offended his dignity and he was  
forced to appear in court. With  
chin resting on his gold-headed cane  
he disconcerted judges and prose-  
cutors with the simple gravity of  
his replies.

Barber dressed in the height of  
fashion, being fastidious without be-  
ing flashy. His only symbol was  
the gold-headed cane he carried in  
the daytime and the walking cane  
he carried in the evening that  
sparkled with diamonds.

## Accepted as Potentate

He traveled several times in  
Europe. In England he was accept-  
ed as an Indian potentate and en-  
joyed it immensely. In South  
America he was taken for a Bra-  
zilian coffee king.

During the big Y. M. C. A. drive  
in the fall of 1928 he donated \$1,250  
in cash to the Indiana Avenue

Branch, colored, to be used to fur-  
nish the board of directors' room.

During the Christmas season Mr.  
Barber made practice of giving  
shoes, clothing and food to the poor  
and needy.

He was a member of the execu-  
tive board of the Commonwealth  
Club of Toledo, colored, and donated  
the clubrooms and furnishings with-  
out cost. He was prominent in fra-  
ternal circles, being a member of the  
Elks and the Masons.

Barber's philosophy of life, a by-  
word in Toledo's underworld, was  
"help a guy either way he's going."  
He was always preaching the gospel  
of minding one's own business.

Barber was born in Athens, O.,  
coming here 33 years ago. He is sur-  
vived, besides his wife by a half-  
brother and an aunt.

# Death Of Columbus Attorney Is Mourned By Entire City



The late C. W. REYNOLDS

**Calvin W. Reynolds, For Many  
Years Corporation Clerk in  
Office of Secretary of State,  
Was Highly Respected.**

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 6.—On Sept.  
18 Calvin W. Reynolds, pioneer law-  
yer, of Columbus, O., breathed his  
last at his home, 1101 East Long  
street.

Mr. Reynolds, one of the well  
known and respected citizens, had  
been prominent in political affairs  
for years and numbered among his  
friends some of the most eminent  
men in the country.

As a young man he studied law  
under the tutelage of a friend, and  
later, when an opportunity presented  
itself to go to Washington as clerk  
in the census department, he con-  
tinued his study of law at the night  
law school held at Howard Univer-  
sity. When he passed the bar in  
1893, out of a class of 65 applicants  
he stood second in rank.

He was appointed special agent  
to collect statistics of manufactures

in Cincinnati, O., for the census of  
1890; was engrossing clerk in the  
Ohio Legislature for three consecu-  
tive terms, and for 13 years he was  
the corporation clerk in the office  
of the secretary of state of Ohio.  
During that time he handled incor-  
poration papers involving \$1,000,000-  
000. He never took a vacation and  
was respected for his untiring devo-  
tion to duty.

His later years were given over to  
the practice of law. He was an hon-  
est, God-fearing man, impartial in  
judgment, kindly in his dealings. A  
deep student of literature, who had  
a special fondness for the classics.  
In fact, he was known as one of  
the best read men in Columbus, re-  
gardless of color or creed.

Mr. Reynolds leaves a wife, Mrs.  
Anna B. Reynolds, and two daugh-  
ters, Miss Jean C. Reynolds of Co-  
lumbus, O., and Mrs. Louise Kenner  
of Los Angeles, Cal.

*Harry Thoms, Cleveland  
Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Dead*  
*10-23-30*  
branch of the Y. M. C. A. soon after  
his arrival.  
Besides his widow the following  
members of his family survive him:  
Mrs. James A. Owen, wife of Dr.  
Owen; Mrs. Chester K. Gillespie, wife  
of Attorney Gillespie, and Miss Julia  
Thomas, daughters; Mrs. Florence  
Jones of Columbus and Mrs. Sue B.  
Williston of Washington, sisters, and  
Ralph Thomas of Springfield, Ohio,  
brother.

**Harry Thoms, Cleveland  
Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Dead**  
*10-23-30*  
COLUMBUS, Oct. 24.—Harry  
Thoms, 62, brother of the late Calvin  
Thoms, for several years secretary  
of the Cedar Ave. Y. M. C. A. and  
30 years engineer at Tuskee Institute  
under Booker T. Washington, died  
Saturday at his home, 1730 E. 84th  
St., after an illness of several months.  
Mr. Thoms has been a resident  
here for nine years, having accepted  
the secretaryship of the Cedar Ave.







## MRS. J. WALTER WILLS SR. DIES

CLEVELAND, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Blanche Wills, wife of J. Walter Wills Sr., passed away at her home, 10843 Grantwood Ave., Wednesday morning, after a lingering illness. Funeral services will be held Monday. Mrs. Wills was one of the most outstanding women in the state, and was a leader in all civic, social and club affairs here. Her husband is head of the J. Walter Wills Undertaking company, 2340 E. 55th St.

## Mrs. I. Garland Penn Dies in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, June 20.—Mrs. Anna B. Penn, nee Rhodes, wife of Dr. I. Garland Penn Sr., 2823 Park Ave., passed away at her residence on June 1 after a lingering illness. Mrs. Penn was a prominent social worker and spent the greater part of her life in uplift work among her people. At the time of her death Dr. Penn Sr. was confined to Bethesda hospital, and his condition was such that the physicians deemed it wise not to permit him to attend the funeral services.

Mrs. Penn leaves several daughters, one son, Dr. I. Garland Penn Jr., and a number of grandchildren. The final rites were held at Mt. Zion M. E. church, Walnut Hills, on June 4. It was largely attended by friends of the family.

## Prominent Banker Dies at Cleveland

CLEVELAND.—Herbert S. Chauncey, 43, president of the Empire Savings and Loan Company, and a member of the City Plan Commission, died Sunday morning about 4 o'clock at Mount Sinai Hospital, where he had been under treatment for two weeks.

Resident of Cleveland for less than twelve years, Mr. Chauncey had developed a number of enterprises, including the People's Realty Company, Fraternal Bond and Investment Company, Crusaders Mutual Insurance Company, Murrell Printing Company, and Crusaders Publishing Company, owners of the Call and Post. In addition, he was a member of the law firm of Chauncey and McGhee.

Born in Eastman, Ga., Mr. Chauncey was educated at Talladega College, Talladega, Ala. For several years he was in the railway mail service in a division which covered Cleveland. He moved here to study law at Baldwin-Wallace College, and in 1920 he founded the Empire Savings and Loan Company with \$2,500 in assets.

He is survived by his widow and a daughter, Rose Marie, 5 months. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m.

## Only Eastern Ohio Postmaster Dies

HARRISVILLE, Ohio.—Frederick Augustus Clarke, for a number of years the only colored postmaster in Eastern Ohio, died shortly before midnight on Thursday from a attack of heart disease.

Mr. Clarke, who was born in Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, was active in religious and fraternal circles here. Funeral services were held Monday.

## H.S. Chauncey Passes Away

Was One of Leading Cleveland Business Men

FORMER SAVANNAHIAN

Had Been Sick Only A Few Days

Word was received in the city Monday that Herbert S. Chauncey, a former Savannahian, died Sunday morning early at Cleveland, O. News of Mr. Chauncey's sudden passing away was a shock to his many friends here who were unaware of his illness. From the meager information obtainable, it appears that he was complaining of not feeling so well only a few days before death cut short his career in the Ohio metropolis, where he had achieved much prominence in business and civic circles and had become one of Cleveland's leading colored citizens.

Mr. Chauncey lived in Savannah for several years, being employed as a postal clerk between this city and Montgomery. About ten years ago he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and took up the study of law. He was admitted to the bar about six years ago, shortly after which he resigned from the railway postal service.

Entering fully into the business and civic life of Cleveland, Mr. Chauncey's unusual ability and likable disposition immediately won for him a high place among his new friends and he made rapid progress. He became a leader in business circles and was generally looked upon as one of the most progressive and efficient men in Cleveland. He was president of The Empire Savings and Loan Company and the People's Realty Company, both of which institutions flourished under his direction.

A year ago a signal honor was paid Mr. Chauncey when he was voted by the city council of Cleveland, a member of the City Plan Commission, which body exercises wide powers over street

openings, the location and design of public buildings and the dedication of new allotments within a three mile radius of the city. This was the first time in the history of Cleveland and possibly the first time in the history of any metropolitan city of the United States, a colored man was selected to membership on such a commission.

Mr. Chauncey was the senior member of the law firm of Chauncey and McGhee. He was a native of Abbeville, Ga., and is survived by a wife, Mrs. Bents Chauncey; and two brothers, J. B. and Benton Chauncey.

## Ohio Politician Dies Suddenly

SPRINGFIELD, O., July 7.—(ANP)—Rev. Elmer E. B. Curry, well-known political figure in the state, manager of the colored bureau during the last gubernatorial campaign and holding a position under Governor Cooper as a welfare worker, dropped dead of heart failure here last Tuesday.

Rev. Curry, who, in addition to pastoring a church, was the founder of Curry Institute, an industrial school located here, had just resigned the ministry to devote more time to his political interests. He was widely known throughout the country, being one of the most eloquent and useful speakers for the Anti-Saloon League, whose headquarters are near here.

## Church Leader Is Taken by Death

CINCINNATI, July 25.—I. Garland Penn Sr., one of the foremost laymen of the Methodist Episcopal church, passed away here Tuesday after a long illness. Mr. Penn for many years had been one of the secretaries of the M. E. church board of education. He was widely known as an educator, writer and as a militant leader.

The death of the prominent churchman follows closely the passing away of his wife on June 1 at their home, 2823 Park Ave., after a long illness. At the time of his wife's death Mr. Penn was seriously ill in Bethesda hospital. His condition was so grave that physicians deemed it wise not to permit him to attend the final rites for Mrs. Penn, which were held at Mt. Zion M. E. church.

1903, and co-author of "Seven Graded Sunday School," 1893.

Dr. I. Garland Penn Jr., presiding elder of the Ohio M. E. church district and former pastor of the Fulton St. M. E. church, Chicago, and his five sisters survive their father. The daughters are Mrs. Wilhelmina Franklin, Miss Elizabeth H. Penn, Mrs. Louise Sandpiper, Mrs. Marie Miller and Mrs. Anna Belle Maxwell. Another daughter, Mrs. Georgia S. Williams, died in 1924.

Funeral rites for Dr. Penn will be held Friday, July 25, at 11 a. m. from Calvary M. E. church. Interment will be made at a local cemetery.

Mr. Penn was born on Oct. 7, 1867, at New Glasgow, Va. He received his education at the Lynchburg high school, Rust college, where he was awarded his M. A. degree in 1890, and at Wiley college, where he secured a Litt. D. degree in 1908. From 1886 to 1895 he was principal of a public school in Lynchburg. In 1895 he was national commissioner of Race exhibits at the Atlanta exposition, where he was awarded a gold medal for excellence of exhibit. From 1897 to 1912 Mr. Penn was assistant general secretary of the M. E. Church Epworth league, and from 1912 to 1925 the prominent layman was educational secretary in the M. E. church endowments and field promotion department.

Since 1892 Mr. Penn had been a member of the M. E. church general conference. He was a trustee of the following educational institutions: Wiley college, Marshall, Tex.; Clark university, Atlanta; Gammon Theological seminary, Atlanta and Walden college, Nashville.

He was the author of "The Afro-American Press and Its Editors," 1892; "The College of Life or Self-Educator," 1896; "The United Negro,"



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**DEATH OF WIDOW OF FIRST  
PRESIDENT OF BIDDLE  
UNIVERSITY**

*Office - American*  
News reached us a few days ago of the passing of Mrs. Nannie Alexander at her home in Millerstown, Penn. Mrs. Alexander, widow of the Rev. S. C. Alexander, the first President of Biddle (now Johnson C. Smith) University, was a native of Mecklenburg County, the same county in which Johnson C. Smith University is located.

The death of Mrs. Alexander reminds us of that host of saintly men and women who came South directly after the Civil War as missionary preachers and teachers among the colored people. 2-20-30

The great achievements of the Negro race in this country during the past half century have been due largely to the religious and educational foundation laid by the sacrificing services of those consecrated missionaries from the North who labored earnestly in the South for the emancipation of the Negro race from the bondage of sin and ignorance. God forbid that Afro-Americans will ever forget their debt of gratitude to these servants of God, who, out of their love for God and humanity, contributed so much to the higher emancipation of the race.

**MRS. MINNIE ALEXANDER  
DIES IN PENNSYLVANIA**

*Office - American*  
(From The Charlotte Observer, Friday, February 14.) 2-20-30

Relatives in Mecklenburg County have been advised of the death in Millerstown, Penn., of Mrs. Annie Price Alexander. Mrs. Alexander was a native of Mecklenburg County and was the eldest daughter of Thomas

B. Price. She was the widow of Rev. S. C. Alexander, who was at one time pastor of Steel Creek church. Rev. Mr. Alexander was later instrumental in the establishment of Biddle University in Charlotte, and for a time served as President of the institution.



# **TOM GODDARD, ONCE LAW MAKER IN S. C. DIES; WAS IN COUNCIL**

MARION, S. C., Jan. 15. (AP)—The last life-long colored demonstration in this county was laid to rest Wednesday morning when Thomas J. Goddard was interred following funeral services held from the local baptist church. Goddard was 48 years old and had voted the democratic ticket since 1876. He bears the distinction of having served as alderman here when it was necessary to elect a Negro to the office. When his term of office expired he was employed at the city hall in the capacity of custodian which job he held at the time of his death.

According to reports here the deceased knew more judges and aldermen personally than any person in the city. He was highly respected by citizens of both races who packed the church at his funeral.

COLUMBIA, S. C.  
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A Negro Schoolman.

Praise from Frank Evans—superintendent of public schools in Spartanburg since the memory of man—sympath not to the contrary—is an accolade from Sir Hubert Stanley for a schoolman anywhere in South Carolina. There passed away suddenly last Friday a Negro, R. M. Alexander, who had been 39 years principal of the Dean street school in Spartanburg, all but two of those years under Mr. Evans's direction. Mr. Evans in a note to the Spartanburg Herald says of Principal Alexander: "In his work he has been faithful and conscientious, and just in the administration of the school—conscientious for his impartiality. A man with no illusions as to the needs of his race, he has consistently set his people a marked example of hard work and self-respect. His death is therefore lamented by all who value good citizenship."

Here and there about the state are a few other Negro schoolmen of the Alexander type—Columbia has a principal very much on the same order. They serve the community, the entire community, with an intelligence and devotion that the generality of citizens do not appreciate.

Greenville, S. C. Piedmont  
Tuesday, June 24, 1930

## **Negro Teacher Dies After 55 Years Of Work**

Amanda Martin highly respected colored woman, who taught in colored schools in various capacities for an unbroken period of 55 years virtually giving her life to the education of the young of her race, died last Thursday at her home here.

She began teaching at the age of 15. She taught at various schools in and about Greenville and Orangeburg, but the longest single position she held was at Union high school where she served as teacher and principal for 39 years. She was the wife of Rev. J. G. Martin and five children survive, as follows: four sons, Edgar H. Martin, Atlanta; James M. Martin, Minneapolis, Minn.; J. G. Martin, Jr., Greenville and W. T. Martin, of Illinois; and one daughter, who is the wife of B. L. Shelton, Chicago.

## **DR. MANCE'S FUNERAL Palmetto Leader AL AT ALLEN**

6-28-30

Prelate Ill Some Time; Death  
Blow to Connection  
Columbia, S. C.

The Rev. R. W. Mance, D. D., presiding elder of the Charleston district South Carolina conference, A. M. E. and tenth president of Allen university, serving there from 1916 to 1924, died at his residence, 1429 Pine street last Saturday evening, June 21st, at 10:55. Dr. Mance had been ill for a protracted period and his death though untimely was not unexpected. The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. R. W. Mance, his mother, Mrs. Charity A. Mance, of Tampa, Florida, and five children, Evelyn, Robert W., Jr., Charity, L. Nerissa, and Mercer, of Columbia.

Last rites were held over the remains of the deceased Tuesday afternoon, June 24th in the Allen university auditorium.

The Rev. J. W. Murph, D. D., pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Columbia, was master of ceremonies, and conducted the program which com-

prised appropriate hymns announced by Rev. S. B. Wallace, D. D., pastor, of Sidney Park C. M. E. church, Columbia, and the Rev. L. F. Vance, D. D., presiding elder of the Newberry district, Columbia conference, A. M. E. church; scripture lessons read by the Rev. M. A. Hollins, D. D., presiding elder of the Edisto district, South Carolina conference, A. M. E. church, and the Rev. P. P. Watson, D. D., Baptist missionary worker; solos by Mesdames Vanilla R. Clark and Margaret Smith, Miss Alta O. Clark and the Rev. W. G. Owens, pastor of the A. M. E. church, at Lancaster, S. C.; obituary by the Rev. H. B. Thompson, pastor of the A. M. E. church at Graniteville, S. C.; eulogy by the Rev. G. K. Lyles, presiding elder, the Columbia district, Columbia conference, A. M. E. church; and remarks by Mr. N. J. Frederick, grand attorney, Knights of Pythias; the Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, pastor, Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church, Charleston, S. C., and Mr. Julius A. Brown, grand chancellor, Knights of Pythias, and resolutions, etc., by the Rev. J. B. Jennings, pastor, Cumberland A. M. E. church, Aiken, S. C.

The body was interred in the Palmetto cemetery, the Knights of Pythias performing the last rites. Honorary pall bearers were: Dr. G. T. Dillard, Dr. J. F. Page, Dr. S. S. Youngblood, Dr. S. B. Wallace, Dr. I. H. Alston, Dr. R. S. Wilkinson, F. B. Johnson, M. D.; C. E. Stephenson, M. D.; S. R. Green, M. D.; L. M. Daniels, M. D.; N. A. Jenkins, M. D.; J. G. Stuart, M. D.; A. J. Collins, D. D. S.; Attorney N. J. Frederick, Messrs. J. B. Lewie, G. C. Williams, Julius Brown, W. H. Harvey and G. L. Floyd.

Active pall bearers were The Reverends W. R. Bowman, J. M. Jackson, J. R. Johnson, B. J. Cunningham, J. P. Washington, and B. H. Gray.

The numerous floral designs, telegrams, letters and resolutions announced at the funeral attested the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The eulogy delivered by the Rev. Dr. Lyles, spoke volumes in its attestation of the useful life lived by Dr. Mance. The fitting words of Messrs. Frederick and Brown revealed how great is the loss to civic and

fraternal affairs because of his death. The sincere tribute paid by the Rev. Witherspoon made it known that the church suffers in his demise.

At the general conference held at Chicago in 1928 Dr. Mance was South Carolina's choice for elevation to the bench of bishops. He has for a number of years occupied a prominent place in the A. M. E. church.

Among the secular offices held by Dr. Mance were president, Palmetto State Teachers' association; grand prelate, Grand Lodge K. of P.; past master, F. A. M. Dr. Mance was one of the few life members of the Palmetto State Teachers' association. From 1912 to 1920 he was recording secretary of the Financial Board of the A. M. E. church.

## **FORMER NEGRO STATE SENATOR DIES AT AGE 82**

Edgefield, S. C.—(INS)—One of the last of the Negroes to serve in the South Carolina legislature passed off of the scene of action when Paris Simkins, former state senator, died here at the age of 82. Simkins was one of the leading figures in South Carolina politics in the days of reconstruction, and was regarded as an able legislator when he was in the state senate.

He was a lawyer by profession, and since the days when he served in the legislature he has lived here and practiced law, without giving any of his time to politics. He won the good will and the respect of all of his fellow citizens of all races, and his passing is mourned by the entire community. He was a member of many secret orders and of the Macedonia Baptist Church, from which the funeral services will be held.

Barnwell, S. C., People's Sentinel  
Thursday, November 13, 1930  
Negro Educator Dies.

Prof. George G. Butler, colored, aged about 70 years, died suddenly of heart failure while standing in the yard of his home here Thursday afternoon of last week. George had been connected with the Barnwell colored school for the past 40 years, during which time the school made steady progress. He was a good

citizen and enjoyed the respect of a large number of white friends.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon and were attended by many white people, including Horace J. Crouch, county superintendent of education, and the members of the local board of trustees, in addition of scores of negroes from far and near. The services, which were held in the Bethlehem Baptist Church, lasted for several hours, during which time white and black paid tribute to his work and memory. He was a member of several fraternal organizations, the members of which attended in a body. George's body was laid to rest in the colored cemetery and his last resting place was covered with many beautiful flowers. Peace to his ashes.

George is survived by his wife and several sons and daughters, who have the sympathy of both white and colored friends in their bereavement.



# HOUSTON MERCHANT SUGGUMBS

HOUSTON, Jan. 27 (ANP)—

John H. Harmon Sr., prominent Houston dry goods merchant, passed away at his home last Wednesday morning, his death following a protracted illness which literally sapped away his vitality.

The demise of Mr. Harmon removes from the business, religious and fraternal ranks one of the race's most notable characters, who migrated to Houston from Pensacola, Fla. in his youth and later embarked in the dry goods business in San Felipe, *Pittsburgh*.

In his early days in this city Mr. Harmon attended Houston College, doing odd chores as a means of raising funds with which to pursue his educational training. Having had some experience in his native state as a drug clerk, his first major employment was with the defunct Barton City Drug Store, formerly located at 411 Milam.

Sensing the need of a ward or neighborhood store to take care of the dry goods and notions needs of the people, Mr. Harmon opened a store in the Fourth ward and, despite the fact that many predicted the emporium's early death and burial, he lived to see the business develop from a mere "hole-in-the-wall" effort to a modern and well-appointed mercantile establishment.

After operating his store in one site for 25 years, new quarters were entered last year and the store's name changed from Harmon's Dry Goods Store to the House of Harmon, with his son, J. H. Harmon Jr., graduate of Howard and Columbia Universities, as his first assistant.

Mr. Harmon also was active in church and lodge circles, having served as deacon and treasurer of Bethel Baptist Church for several years and having held many responsible positions with several lodges.

He invested his surplus earnings in Houston real estate and was the owner of several rent houses and other realty holdings.

The funeral was held Friday from

Bethel Baptist Church, Pastor J. R. Burdette officiating, assisted by other local ministers. Decedent was buried with Masonic honors.

## A TEXAS BANK CASHIER PASSES AWAY

Telegraphic news reached the Nashville Globe office Tuesday morning announcing the death of Mr. Harry Manack, cashier of the Fraternal Bank and Trust Co., of Fort Worth, Texas, who passed away Monday night, March 10th at 11:45. *Globe*

Harry, as he was familiarly called and known among his multitude of friends and acquaintances had been in failing health for some time, but stayed faithfully at his post, as cashier of the Fraternal Bank and Trust Co., of which the Hon. William Madison McDonald, is president, until a few days ago, when he was forced to take leave. *3/11/30*

Mr. Manack was very prominent in the civic and social activities affecting his race in Fort Worth, as well as a recognized leader in Masonic circles, as Worshipful Master of the H. D. Winn Lodge, F. and A. M., Fort Worth, he was the youngest Worshipful Master in Texas. *Nashville*

As the adopted son of Mr. McDonald, funeral services were held from the McDonald home on Tuesday, attended by notables from all parts of Texas, and a multitude of local friends and acquaintances. The Nashville Globe extends sympathy to the bereaved in the loss of this valuable and promising young man.



# EDWARD T. BYRD, CONTRACTOR DIES ENROUTE TO WORK

# Beloved Teacher and Lawyer Passes Away

Edward T. Byrd, prominent resident of this city contractor and builder, and brother of Dr. D. W. Byrd, a leading local physician, died suddenly Tuesday morning while being rushed to the office of his brother for treatment. He was stricken while on his way to work and expired before he could be carried to the office of the physician.

Byrd was about sixty years old, resided with his wife, Mrs. Fannie Byrd, on Broad Creek Road, and for a number of years was active in the building and contracting business here. He was a member of the Aeolian Club, one of the staid and pioneer organizations of this city, and of Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, where the funeral was to be held Friday afternoon, February 21, at 3:30 o'clock with the pastor, the Rev. S. W. Harth, officiating.

Before coming to Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Byrd made their home in Galion and Columbus, Ohio. They had resided in this city for approximately 15 years.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Fannie Byrd, and brother, Dr. D. W. Byrd, the deceased is survived by another brother, Major Robert Byrd, of Springfield, Ill.; a sister, Mrs. Anna Gardner, of Ashland, Ohio; four nieces, Mrs. Homer S. Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa., Miss Florence Byrd, Mrs. Ethel Moore, and Mrs. Don Lett, of Marion, Ohio.

Mr. Byrd though enjoying prominent business and social connections throughout this locality was best known for his amiable and congenial disposition which had acquired for him a wide circle of friends in every walk of life.

ROANOKE, Va., April 4.—Funeral services for Attorney Daniel Washington Harth were held at St. Paul M. E. church March 26. Hundreds of friends and former pupils were present to pay their respects to their friend and teacher.

The services were conducted by Rev. Andrew Jackson Oliver. He was assisted by Rev. L. L. Downing of the Presbyterian church, Rev. W. W. Hicks of Mt. Zion Baptist church, Revs. W. R. Powell and W. W. Moore of Sweet Union Baptist church and Revs. Floyd and W. E. Lee of High St. Baptist church.

Members of the Roanoke bar, consisting of Attorneys J. H. Claytor, H. D. Dolphin, Jacob L. Reid and A. J. Oliver, attended in a body, and resolutions from them were read by Attorney Claytor.

Resolutions were also read by Mrs. Mattie Allman from the church and trustee board and by Mesdames Emma Fields and Ella Dean, from St. Luke's, which was also represented by Deputy Harry Braxton and Mrs. Ella Moore.

Attorney Harth, a graduate of Howard and Claflin universities, was formerly connected with the South Carolina and Washington conferences.

He was married in 1885 to Miss Rachel E. Brockington, a teacher at Sumter, S. C., and from that union

was born nine children, Mrs. Maggie E. Armstrong of Youngstown, Ohio, Mrs. Lucy Harth Smith of Lexington, Ky., Daniel W. Harth Jr. of Chicago, Roland Brockington Harth of Youngstown, Ohio, who preceded him in death; Herbert Straker Harth of Youngstown, Ohio, Alonzo Douglas Harth of Roanoke, James William Harth, who died in infancy; Mrs. Julia Alma Washington of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Miss Beulah Mae Harth of Washington, D. C.

He served as one of the first pastors of Tazewell, Va., and at St. Paul M. E. church here, and was elected to the principalship of the public schools of Roanoke, where he served many years.

He resigned to pursue the practice of law, a profession he followed until his death. His last illness was of but a few hours duration. He died Sunday, March 23.

He was buried in Fairview cemetery by the side of his wife, who preceded him 12 years. Those who served as honorary and active pallbearers were his friends A. F. Brooks, Robt DeHaven, C. Tiffany Toliver, P. W. Poindexter, Sandy Boston, Jackson Finney, B. B. Bartee, W. A. Tate, W. W. Davis, Alfred Hunter, H. C. Johnson, George Paige, Robert Tate, Foster Brooks, Robert Brown, James Wlitcher, A. M. Poindexter, Eula Slaughter, W. R. Simms, James Lumpkins, Henry Robinson, Rufus Dillon, Rev. L. L. Downing, J. H. Claytor, Jacob L. Reid, H. D. Dolphin, T. C. Cooper, Joe Daniel and Dr. J. H. Pinkard.

# Heart Attack Fatal To Bay Shore Hotel Founder

Frank D. Banks, Who Began Famous Resort With Four Room Cottage 40 Years Ago, Developed 70 Room Seashore Hotel

Special to the Journal and Guide

HAMPTON, Va.—Funeral services for Frank D. Banks, who forty years ago built the four-room cottage that has since grown into the South's most celebrated summer seashore resort—Bay Shore Hotel—were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Chapel of Hampton Institute.

Archdeacon James S. Russell former principal of St. Paul School at Lawrenceville, Va., conducted the ceremonies, assisted by his son, the Rev. J. Alvin Russell, the present principal. Dr. Robert R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, and Dr. B. H. Johnson, pastor of Queen Street Baptist Church, Hampton, both spoke, eulogizing the deceased.

Mr. Banks died Tuesday, August 26, at 8:30 a. m. from a heart attack, at the age of 76 years.

At the time of his death, Mr. Banks was president and general manager of the Bay Shore Hotel, in which capacity he has served since its beginning two score years ago. The dream of a first-class resort on the seashore of the lower Virginia Peninsula arose from a Sunday School class picnic which Mr. Banks took down to the Chesapeake Bay 41 years ago.

The next year he acquired one and a half acres and constructed a four-room cottage. Under his guiding spirit the enterprise has grown into a 70-room modern hotel on a five-and-a-half-acre plot of Virginia's choicest seashore. The 275 feet of waterfront adjoining the Bay Shore Hotel now constitute Virginia's only beach for Negroes.

Had Many Connections

For 45 years, Mr. Banks was bookkeeper at Hampton Institute in addition to his duties as director of the resort during the summer. He was retired five years ago, but returned to his old duties last spring to fill the place of Don A. Davis, head bookkeeper, who was then with the Hampton Choir in Europe.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows, the Elks and St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church in Hampton. Mr. Banks also was one of the charter members of the board of directors of the People's Building and Loan Association in Hampton, which recently reached the half-million dollar mark in assets. He was chairman of the board, and also president of the association for seven years.

A native of Danville, Va., Mr. Banks was active in the affairs of the Hampton Alumni Association. Dr. Moton observed that he met Mr. Banks when he (Dr. Moton) came to Hampton. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Susan Banks, and two sons, Dr. Leonard Banks of Newport News, Va., and Dr. Archibald Banks of Greensboro, N. C. As manager of the East's most popular summer resort, Mr. Banks was well known over the country through his continuous contacts with visitors at Bay Shore Hotel.



# Alumni and Students Mourn Loss

By WILLIAM E. AERY  
HAMPTON, Va., Sept. 19.—Major Allen Wadsworth Washington, commandant of Hampton Institute since 1916, died of an acute heart attack at 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening, Sept. 16, in his home in Hampton Institute, where he has been suffering since Aug. 17 from a stroke of partial paralysis. The funeral services will be held at the Hampton Institute Memorial church on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. S. Arthur Evans, the institute pastor, and Rev. Richard Bowling of Norfolk, Va.



Major Washington

The honorary pallbearers will be: Dr. John M. Gandy, Virginia State college, Petersburg, Va.; Rev. Dr. L. Downing, Roanoke; Rev. Dr. M. E. Davis, Portsmouth; Frank K. Rogers, William H. Scoville and R. George P. Phoenix, all of Hampton Institute; Lorenzo C. White, Richmond; Thomas C. Walker, Gloucester Courthouse, and Dr. William E. Reid, Portsmouth.

Major Washington served for many years as president of the Organization Society of Virginia, whose aim was to secure for our people of Virginia better schools, better farms, better health and better homes. In this work he was the successor of its founder, Dr. Robert R. Moton, now principal of Tuskegee Institute. He was active in promoting the activity of the Hampton Institute Alumni association, serving as financial secretary

and member of the executive board.

Allen Washington entered Hampton Institute in 1885 at the age of 18 and became what is called at Hampton a work student. That is he worked by day at manual labor and then went to school for two hours on five nights of the week. In 1889 he finished the harness maker's trade and then spent two years in the Hampton day school academic department.

After his graduation, Allen Washington was employed by day in the harness making shop and by night he helped in the commandant's department. During the next year he spent one-half of his day in the harness shop and one-half in the commandant's office. Little by little he became more active in disciplinary work and soon found his full stride in handling boys—handling them with sympathy and still with firmness.

He was always ready to explain to the boys why it was necessary for them to obey certain rules. He was a friend and adviser for them who, with all his kindness, could not easily be hoodwinked. He was an administrative officer who was willing to explain with calmness what was what and was then prepared to insist that boys must do their part to maintain the high standards which have characterized Hampton for nearly 50 years.

Major Washington was indeed a "big brother" to the 500 boys who were being trained at Hampton for leadership in school teaching, farming, business and mechanical industries. He was friendly, but emphatic in his administration of discipline. He was willing to put facts squarely to boys and he expected them to do their best. Even when he had to send away an occasional boy, he gave the best kind of advice and in this way started many boys on a higher path.

As an officer of the Hampton school Major Washington took part in many educational and financial meetings which have been held to create new interest in education. He traveled far and wide speaking on behalf of Hampton and the ideas of education for which Hampton stands. He knew the South and conditions which his people face. The commandant was one of Dr. Booker T. Washington's close friends and associates. He took an active part in the constructive work of several Race organizations which aim to promote race relations. He believed in his own Race as well as in white people. Major Washington preached the doctrine of success through struggle to the boys under his charge.

Whether as a farmer, an oysterman, a harness maker, a disciplinarian, or a trusted officer in some Race organization, Allen Washington always retained his native simplicity of speech, sincerity and spirit of racial good-will.

Some years ago it used to be said that if Hampton had done no more than train Booker T. Washington it would have paid for itself many times over. The nation, especially the South, rejoiced when Robert R. Moton, another distinguished graduate of Hampton, took up Dr. Washington's heavy burden at Tuskegee in 1916. The friends of Hampton and Negro education rejoiced that another self-made, Hampton-trained man, Allen Washington, had become commandant of cadets at Hampton, where he was graduated in 1891 a

product of the pioneer work of General Samuel Chapman Armstrong.

Allen Washington came to the Hampton school on the lower peninsula of Virginia from Gloucester county, a county which is well known on account of the large percentage of Colored people who own their farms and their homes; people who are law-abiding and thrifty; people who have won the respect of the best white people because of their industry and good character.

This Virginia youth, who became an able officer of Hampton Institute, also rendered invaluable service to the cause of Race education in reshaping public opinion through his public addresses, and his services to community improvement.

Major Washington is survived by his widow, Mrs. Annie Laura Pride Washington, who is also a Hampton graduate, and several brothers and sisters now living in Gloucester.

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## MAJOR WASHINGTON HAMPTON INSTITUTE COMMANDANT IS DEAD

End Comes Suddenly to Widely Known Negro Preacher at His Home on the School Grounds.

Major Allen A. Washington, 63 years old, commandant of the Hampton Normal Institute and one of the leading negro educators in the South, died suddenly last night at 6 o'clock on the Institute grounds. He suffered a stroke of paralysis on August 17, but was getting along nicely. He was suddenly stricken with an attack a few minutes before he died last night.

Major Washington came to the Hampton Normal School as a student in 1885 under General Samuel Armstrong, the founder of the big school for the education of the negro here. He graduated with honors in the class of 1891 and upon his graduation was made the associate commandant of cadets under Dr. R. R. Moton, now the president of Tuskegee Institute. When Dr. Moton left the Institute here to take up his duties as president of Tuskegee, 1916, Major Washington was made the commandant at the school and had since filled the duties with ability and with eminent satisfaction to the officials of the school. He was the president of the Negro Organization Society in Virginia, treasurer of the Boydton Institute, a school for colored boys and girls at Boydton, Va.; financial secretary of the Hampton Institute Alumni Association, executive secretary of the Negro Business League of Virginia and trustee of the Manassas

Institute at Manassas, Va. He was a member of the colored lodges of Masons, Elks and Odd Fellows of Hampton. Major Washington was widely known throughout the country by reason of his position at the school and he gave his time and his talent in advancing the movements for the betterment of his people throughout the South and on the Peninsula.

Major Washington was born in Gloucester County, Va., 63 years ago. He is survived by his widow, Annie Pride Washington and several brothers and sisters now living in Gloucester.

The death of Major Washington occurring on the eve of the opening of Hampton Institute for the session of 1930-31 created sorrow among the staff and the student body, as well as the former students, who are scattered throughout the United States and some in foreign lands, who studied under him.

Arrangements for the funeral services had not been announced last night, but it was said that the services will be held from the school chapel and burial will be made in the institute cemetery.

## Dr. Phoenix, Head of Hampton, Dies

Suffered Heart Attack While Bathing at Nearby Beach

HAMPTON, Va., Oct. 6.—Dr. George P. Phoenix, fourth president of Hampton Institute, died here Friday while bathing at a nearby beach. He was in his sixty-sixth year.

It is believed that the distinguished educator succumbed to a heart attack which seized him while he was in the water. His body was recovered a few hours later.

Born in Portland, Me., Dr. Phoenix was educated at Colby. He had been associated with Hampton Institute for the past twenty-five years. He was appointed principal last January by the board of trustees, following the resignation of Dr. J. E. Gregg. His title was later changed to president.

Dr. Phoenix's death comes a little more than two weeks after the death of Allen Washington, commandant of cadets at the institute and lifelong friend of Dr. R. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee, whom Mr. Washington succeeded.



# DR. GEO. PHENIX DIES SUDDENLY WHILE SWIMMING

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Funeral Services, Held

Wednesday, Largely  
Attended  
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BURIED ON CAMPUS  
Norfolk, Va.

Had Served Hampton  
26 Years; President  
9 Months

By A Staff Correspondent

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va.—A quietly efficient, patient, and kindly man, George Perley Phenix, called less than a year ago to "continue the succession" of those Hampton immortals who laid the foundations which earned this beautiful seaside school its international reputation. Wednesday was laid to rest in the October-cool sod of the tree-shadowed Little Institute cemetery where Armstrong and Frissell, his two dead predecessors, already sleep the sleep of death.

Stricken in his 66th year late Saturday afternoon while bathing alone at Buckroe Beach, Hampton's fourth president was paid reverent tribute during the final rites in historic Memorial Church, here, where he worshipped during his quarter century of service as academy director, vice-principal, acting principal, and president.

The body lay in state in the church from ten o'clock Wednesday morning until two in the afternoon while the motionless figures of four cadets of the school battalion kept vigil as a guard of honor. The funeral services began at three o'clock with the Rev. S. Arthur Devan, the school pastor, officiating.

The Hampton Quartet and the Hampton Institute Choir, under the direction of Dr. R. Nathaniel Dett, sang Negro spirituals, chosen by Mrs. Phenix as her husband's favorites.

Among the speakers were George

Foster Peabody, of Saratoga Springs, taking establishment and verified the New York, trustee emeritus; Dr. James Hardy Dillard, of Charlottesville, Va., president of the Jeanes and Slater Funds; and Dr. G. Lake Imes, of Tuskegee Institute, representing Dr. R. R. Moton, who could not attend.

Had Been In Good Health  
Dr. Phenix had apparently been in his usually good health and was regarded as having handled the multiplicity of details connected with the opening of the 1930-31 session without undue physical taxation.

Second Death In 3 Weeks  
Following the impressive and touching funeral services in the Memorial Church, the funeral procession, led by the School battalion and band and including besides students and co-workers, scores of persons prominent in every walk of life, wended its sorrowful way to the tiny cemetery on the southern tip of the campus where less than three weeks ago Major Allen Washington, another veteran in Hampton's service, was buried.

There with a parting prayer and hymn and with a solemn taps sounded by a bugler still echoing, Dr. Phenix cut short at the outset of the most potential part of his notable career as an educator, was lowered into the eternally silent gathering of fellow Hampton workers.

Overcome While Swimming  
Dr. Phenix, overcome with a heart attack while in swimming, died before assistance could reach him. He had been in the habit of going to the resort each afternoon to take a swim and went to Buckroe Beach about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He parked his machine at the garage or the cottage of F. S. Gammack, head of the poultry department at the school. After undressing in the private bathhouse of Mr. Gammack, Dr. Phenix entered the water. A heavy surf was running and a cool breeze was blowing.

Lieutenant Pillow, who lives in a Buckroe Beach cottage, saw an object floating on the water about 5:30 o'clock and becoming convinced that what he saw was a human body he called another man. The two put on bathing suits and swam out to the body and brought it ashore.

The office of Sheriff Charles C. Curtis in Hampton was notified and the sheriff notified Dr. George K. Vanderslice, the Elizabeth City County coroner. The body was identified by Mr. Gammack and Frank W. Darling, a trustee of Hampton. Mr. Gammack had been informed on the campus that Dr. Phenix had not returned from his swim and left immediately for the beach, where he made the identification.

A certificate of death from a heart attack or a stroke of apoplexy was given by Dr. Vanderslice, who added that Dr. Phenix was very likely overcome shortly after entering the water and expired quickly, as the lungs were found floating, which would indicate that drowning did not cause death.

When the body was brought to the Harry S. Cunningham Undertaking Parlor, Mr. Darling, who had received word that a search had been begun by school authorities for Dr. Phenix when he failed to show up as expected before seven-thirty, went to the under-

He is survived by his widow, Maria Stevens Phenix, and a son, George Spenser Phenix, of Brooklyn, who was in hurricane-stricken Santo Domingo, from where he was not expected to arrive until Friday of this week.

Dr. Phenix was the fourth principal of Hampton Institute. Following the resignation of Dr. James E. Gregg, in July 1929, he was immediately elected acting principal. At the meeting of the trustees in January, 1930, he was elected principal, and at the April meeting of the trustees his title was changed to that of "President."

He was born in Portland, Me., in September 1864; and was graduated from Colby College in 1886. After further study and active work in the field of education he became principal of the State Normal School at Willimantic, Conn. At this place his work with and for the rural schools of that state was so noteworthy that Hampton's then principal, the late Dr. Hollis Burke Frissell, urged him to enter service at Hampton—a service which had covered twenty-six years. Appointed head of the Hampton Institute Academy in 1904, he organized its work in teacher-training. In 1908 he was made vice principal of Hampton. Up to the time of his election as acting principal, he had been best known by his able administration of the Hampton Summer School, in which hundreds of teachers have been given professional training of the first rank.



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bright, sunshiny disposition and his  
love for men. God rest his spirit  
and raise up others like him!  
—C. H. Tobias,

Wisconsin.

## John Stevenson Dies in Beloit

John D. Stevenson was born June 23, 1877, at Malden, West Virginia, and died Feb. 27, 1930. He received his

education at the Commercial College of Boston, Mass., graduating in 1904. The same year he went to Tuskegee as a student and later as a student under Booker T. Washington. He organized and served as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. until 1917, then as government secretary until 1919. He was then



called to Beloit, Wis., by Fairbanks, Morse company as general supervisor of Edgewater, which he held with honor until his death. He married Gertrude T. Willis, Sept. 21, 1909, at Boston, Mass. He leaves a wife and daughter, Ruby, and three brothers, one being Dr. F. E. Courtney, a prominent physician in Boston.

### J. D. STEVENSON

J. D. Stevenson, secretary of the Edgewater Branch Y. M. C. A. of Beloit, Wisconsin, died at the Madison General Hospital of Beloit on February 27, after an illness of three weeks. For fifteen years Mr. Stevenson served as Y. M. C. A. secretary at Tuskegee Institute where he touched the lives of thousand of boys who referred to him affectionately as "J. D." I can personally bear witness to the high esteem in which he was held by Dr. Booker T. Washington. During Stevenson's term of service few young men were ever dismissed from Tuskegee for any charge without first being turned over to "J. D." to see what he could do with them. He made his home in Thrasher Hall where the younger boys lived, and was mother and father as well as big brother to these youngsters, most of whom are now out in the world making good in many lines of service. For the past twelve years, Stevenson served industrial men at Beloit with the same enthusiasm and efficiency that he displayed at Tuskegee. His outstanding characteristics were his